SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 361

WHEREAS, there are 6,467 Missourians suffering from Chronic Kidney Failure, which requires dialysis or transplantation for maintenance of life; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 2,000 Missourians are newly diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Stage 5; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of Missourians are at risk for developing chronic kidney disease due to our aging population, our level of obesity, plus the complications of diabetes and hypertension; and

WHEREAS, almost half of those who currently have CKD may have been able to prevent contracting this disease through healthy lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, early detection and treatment of CKD may prevent undue suffering, the need for dialysis treatments, and kidney transplantation; and

WHEREAS, March is National Kidney Month and Missourians need to be aware of Chronic Kidney Disease:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby recognize the month of March as Kidney Month in the State of Missouri and recommend that it be observed by the people with appropriate activities to promote public awareness of chronic kidney disease.

