

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0145R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Stokes,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 April as National Kidney Donation Awareness Month

2 FOR the purpose of recognizing April as National Kidney Donation Awareness Month.

3 Recitals

4 National Donate Life Month is celebrated every April. During April, Americans are
5 encouraged to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors. Kidney donations are desperately
6 needed. The average wait time for a kidney donation from a deceased donor is 3-5 years. One
7 healthy kidney can save a person with two diseased kidneys from remaining on dialysis for the
8 rest of his or her life. Compared to dialysis, kidney donation is associated with a better quality of
9 life, lower risk of death, fewer dietary restrictions, and lower treatment costs. Both the deceased
10 and the living can donate a kidney to those in need. Living kidney donors are frequently family
11 members of someone in need, but non-family members can also donate. If one chooses to be an
12 organ donor, he or she can save up to 8 lives once they die, including the life of someone in need
13 of a kidney donation.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
15 Baltimore City Council recognizes April as National Kidney Donation Awareness Month.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
17 Health Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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