

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing

IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day

May 14, 2023

Many diseases can affect kidney function by attacking and damaging the tiny filtering units inside the kidney, called glomeruli, that clean blood. The conditions that affect glomeruli are called glomerular diseases. Glomerular diseases include many conditions with many different causes. Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy (IgAN), also known as Berger's disease, is a condition that damages the glomeruli inside the kidneys and can cause kidney disease. There are few treatment options currently available, but there is hope for the future as improvements in research and development of treatments continue.

It is important that we as Texans understand rare kidney diseases, which often affect our most vulnerable populations. Such diseases are often underdiagnosed because of symptoms not presenting themselves until the disease has reached an advanced stage.

But in Texas, we know that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them. By working together, Texans across our state can learn about the importance of an early diagnosis of rare kidney diseases and raise iwareness about effective treatments. At this time, I commend you on your efforts to support patients and advocate or vital research, and I join you in looking forward to the day when IgA Nephropathy is consigned to the past.

rst Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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Greg Abbott

Governor of Texas