

Proclamation



IGA NEPHROPATHY AWARENESS DAY

March 14, 2022

WHEREAS, IgA nephropathy (IgAN) is an autoimmune disease, caused by a buildup of immunoglobulin A antibodies (IgA) in the kidneys, that attacks and hampers the ability of the kidneys to filter waste from the blood; and

WHEREAS, IgAN is one of the most common kidney diseases, and the effects can vary from person to person with many patients presenting few or no problems while others develop serious complications including chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 20-40% of IgAN patients will develop end-stage kidney disease and will require dialysis or a kidney transplant to survive; and

WHEREAS, while currently there is no cure for IgAN, certain medications, controlling blood pressure, and reducing cholesterol can slow the course of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the IgA Nephropathy Foundation is a patient-centric organization dedicated to raising awareness of IgAN, empowering those affected by the disease, funding research, and finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, IgAN Awareness Day seeks to unite communities around combating the disease by raising awareness, supporting patients, and encouraging early diagnosis and treatment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2022, as “IGA NEPHROPATHY AWARENESS DAY” in Washington, DC.




