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Florida Renal Association Celebrates 20th Florida Kidney Day
Free Kidney Screenings to be offered at the Florida Capitol on February 10, 2026

Tallahassee, FL – February 10, 2026 — The Florida Renal Association (FRA) proudly marks the 20th anniversary of Florida Kidney Day, a milestone advocacy and education event founded by the association in 2005 to elevate awareness of kidney disease and improve outcomes for Floridians living with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

To commemorate this landmark year, the FRA will once again partner with the National Kidney Foundation of Florida (NKFF) to provide free kidney health screenings to the public through NKFF's nationally recognized KEEP Healthy (Kidney Early Evaluation Program).

Kidney Day will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at the Florida State Capitol on the third floor, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kidney screenings will include evaluations for kidney disease risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and reduced kidney function, particularly for individuals at increased risk.

“Florida Kidney Day continues to be a critical platform for advancing kidney health awareness and policy in Florida,” said Shannon Moore, President of the Florida Renal Association. “Marking our 20th anniversary highlights both the progress we’ve made and the work that remains to ensure high-quality, accessible care statewide.”

Chronic Kidney Disease affects an estimated 35 million adults nationwide, with many unaware they have the condition. In Florida alone, more than 700,000 adults are living with diagnosed kidney disease, underscoring the urgent need for early detection, education, and access to care.

“The KEEP Healthy program is central to our mission of preventing kidney disease through education and early intervention,” said Savana Lanza, Chief Executive Officer of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida. “By partnering with the Florida Renal Association for Florida Kidney Day, we are able to reach individuals where policy, healthcare, and community intersect.”

Florida Kidney Day also serves as a key advocacy event, bringing together patients, caregivers, dialysis professionals, transplant advocates, and policymakers. FRA members meet directly with state legislators, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), and legislative staff to discuss the challenges facing Florida's kidney community and to present the association's legislative priorities.

Founded as a volunteer-led organization, the Florida Renal Association provides a multi-disciplinary forum dedicated to improving access, quality, and equity of care for individuals living with CKD, End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and those pursuing transplantation. Florida Kidney Day remains the cornerstone of the association's advocacy efforts.

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