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COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE SIGNS ‘KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS’ INTO LAW

Legislator Steve Stern’s Initiative Raises Awareness of Chronic Kidney Diseases



HUNTINGTON, NY –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th LD joined with County Executive Steve Bellone who signed into law Legislator Stern’s bill declaring March “Kidney Disease Awareness Month” in Suffolk County. Half Hollow Hills East sophomore Sydney Levine started the “MARCHing to Awareness” social media campaign to raise awareness and funds for NephCure International to benefit those suffering from chronic kidney diseases such as FSGS and Nephrotic Syndrome. Sydney’s younger brother Matthew is battling FSGS. The bill was signed into law on Matthew’s 13th birthday. 23 million Americans are affected by kidney disease and last year 80,000 Americans lost their lives to these disorders.

“I thank County Executive Steve Bellone for signing this important legislation,” Legislator Stern said. “Sydney and her family deserve our thanks for their tireless efforts to help those suffering from chronic kidney disease. I

encourage my neighbors to visit www.nephcure.org to learn more about kidney disease and ways that you can help in the fight for a cure," Legislator Stern said.