

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Rivers, Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissues; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential that all citizens are aware of the
4 opportunity to save and heal the lives of others through organ, eye,
5 and tissue donation and transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than 108,000 courageous Americans
7 awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with 20 individuals losing
8 their lives every day because of the shortage of organs for
9 transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, Every 10 minutes, a person is added to the national
11 organ transplant waiting list; and

12 WHEREAS, One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people
13 and heal many more through cornea and tissue donation; and

14 WHEREAS, Families receive comfort through the grieving process
15 with the knowledge that through organ, eye, and tissue donation,
16 another person's life has been saved or healed; and

17 WHEREAS, Organ donation offers transplant recipients a second
18 chance at life, enabling them to be with their families and maintain
19 a higher quality of life; and

20 WHEREAS, The families of organ, eye, and tissue donors receive
21 gratitude from grateful recipients whose lives have been saved by
22 transplantation; and

1 WHEREAS, The example set by those who choose to donate reflects
2 the character and compassion of these individuals, whose voluntary
3 choice saves the lives of others; and

4 WHEREAS, Donate Life America has designated April as National
5 Donate Life Month;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
7 honor April as National Donate Life Month to remember those who have
8 donated, and celebrate the lives of the recipients.

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