

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Rivers, Lovelett, Saldaña, Short, and J. Wilson

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 nearly 106,000 courageous Americans awaiting a
7 lifesaving organ transplant, with 22 individuals losing their lives
8 every day because of the shortage of organs for transplant; and

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

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

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

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

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