

SENATE RESOLUTION
8732

By Senators Benton, Franklin, Rasmussen, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Fraser

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

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

WHEREAS, There are nearly 100,000 courageous Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with 18 individuals losing their lives every day because of the shortage of donations; and

WHEREAS, Every 13 minutes a person is added to the national organ donation waiting list; and

WHEREAS, The organ, tissue, and eye donation from one individual can save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Through organ, tissue, and eye donation a donor and donor's family receives gratitude from the recipient's family and is honored by the enhancement of the recipient's life; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize April as National Donate Life Month as declared by the Governor and honor those who have donated and celebrate the lives of the recipients.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8732,
adopted by the Senate
February 28, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate