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By Senator Benton

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.