

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Rivers, Kuderer, Wellman, Brown, Becker, Das, Hunt, King, Lovelett, McCoy, O'Ban, Padden, Short, Wagoner, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissue; 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 one hundred fourteen thousand
7 courageous Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with
8 twenty individuals losing their lives every day because of the
9 shortage of organs for transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, Every ten 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; and celebrated in our state with LifeCenter
6 Northwest;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
8 honor April as National Donate Life Month to encourage Washington
9 residents to register to be a donor, remember those who have donated,
10 and celebrate the lives of the recipients.

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