

SENATE RESOLUTION

8707

By Senators Rivers, Wagoner, and Das

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 nearly one hundred thirteen 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  
2 reflects the character and compassion of these individuals,  
3 whose voluntary choice saves the lives of others; and

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

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

10 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8707,  
13 adopted by the Senate  
14 March 4, 2020

15 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
16 Secretary of the Senate