HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4637, by Representatives Taylor, Ryu, Schmidt, Leavitt, Chapman, Duerr, Pollet, Caldier, Paul, Kloba, Macri, Callan, Robertson, Gregerson, Street, and Barnard

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

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

WHEREAS, There are nearly one hundred six thousand courageous Americans awaiting a life-saving organ transplant, with twenty-two individuals losing their lives every day because of the shortage of organs for transplant; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, April is the month designated by organ donation organizations across the country to strive to make life possible by educating and motivating individuals to register their decision to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor;

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