

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4637, by Representative Taylor

1       WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift  
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissues; 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 six thousand courageous  
7 Americans awaiting a life-saving organ transplant, with twenty-two  
8 individuals losing their lives every day because of the shortage of  
9 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, April is the month designated by organ donation  
5 organizations across the country to strive to make life possible by  
6 educating and motivating individuals to register their decision to be  
7 an organ, eye, and tissue donor;

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

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