
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 3, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Donate Life Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly 30,000 patients began
4 new lives in 2015 following organ transplants from 8,500
5 deceased and 6,000 living donors; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 122,000 men, women and children await
7 lifesaving organ transplants, with more than 1,000 of these
8 individuals being 10 years of age or younger; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 58% of patients awaiting lifesaving
10 transplants are minorities; and

11 WHEREAS, Another person is added to the nation's organ
12 transplant waiting list every 10 minutes; and

13 WHEREAS, Tragically, 8,000 people die each year and 22 people
14 die each day when the organs they need are not donated in time;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The average waiting time for a kidney from a

1 deceased donor is three to five years; and

2 WHEREAS, A kidney from a living donor offers patients an
3 alternative to years of dialysis and time on the national
4 transplant waiting list; and

5 WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of transplant candidates need a
6 liver; and

7 WHEREAS, Living donation of part of the liver is an option
8 for these patients due to the organ's ability to regenerate and
9 regain full function; and

10 WHEREAS, Living donation of the lobe of one lung or a portion
11 of the intestine or pancreas is possible as well; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 33% of all deceased donors are 50 years of
13 age or older and more than 5% are 65 years of age or older; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, there are approximately 30,000 tissue
15 donors and more than 1 million tissue transplants, with the
16 surgical need for donated tissue steadily rising; and

17 WHEREAS, A single tissue donor can help more than 50 people;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Nearly 48,000 patients have had their sight restored
20 through corneal transplants each year; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 121 million people, or approximately 51%
22 of the United States adult population, are registered organ, eye
23 and tissue donors; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of April 2016 as "Donate Life Month" in Pennsylvania.