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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 1999 as "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor
2 Awareness Month."

3 WHEREAS, Organ and tissue transplantation has been recognized
4 as a corrective and lifesaving medical procedure; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 14 transplant centers and is
6 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue
7 transplantation; and

8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 55,000 people are waiting
9 for organ transplants in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately ten people die per day in the United
2 States awaiting an organ transplant; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania law enables citizens to donate their
4 organs and tissues through written statements and also allows
5 relatives to consent to the donation of organs and tissues of a
6 deceased family member; and

7 WHEREAS, A vital component of the continuation and
8 advancement of organ transplantation is the retrieval of donor
9 organs and tissues; and

10 WHEREAS, Improved surgical techniques and drugs to offset
11 rejection of organs have resulted in a high success rate; and

12 WHEREAS, The number of people in need of transplants far
13 exceeds the number of organs and the amount of tissue available;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 month of April 1999 as "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor
17 Awareness Month"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
19 Pennsylvanians to carry donor cards and discuss this decision
20 with family members and friends.