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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 1995 as "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor
2 Awareness Month."

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

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 15 transplant centers and is
6 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue transplant; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 37,000 people are waiting
8 for organ transplants in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately nine people die per day in the United
10 States awaiting an organ transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 250,000 people are waiting

1 for cornea and tissue transplants in the United States; and
2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth by law enables citizens to donate
3 their organs and tissues through written statements and also
4 allows relatives to consent to the donation of organs and
5 tissues of a deceased family member; and

6 WHEREAS, A vital component of the continuation and
7 advancement of organ transplants is the retrieval of donor
8 organs and tissue; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Those in need of transplants far exceed the number
12 of organs and amount of tissue available; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the month of April 1995 be designated as
14 "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month"; and be it
15 further

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