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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 1997 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, This Commonwealth has 15 transplant centers and is
6 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue
7 transplantation; and

8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 50,000 people are waiting
9 for organ transplants in the United States; and

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

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 300,000 people are waiting
4 for cornea and tissue transplants in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth by law enables citizens to donate
6 their organs and tissues through written statements and also
7 allows relatives to consent to the donation of organs and
8 tissues of a deceased family member; and

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the month of April 1997 be designated as
17 "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month"; and be it
18 further

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