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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 12, 1998

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 1998 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 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, It is estimated that over 2,000 people are waiting  
4 for cornea 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 1998 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.