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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2002 as "Pennsylvania Organ and  
2 Tissue Donor 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 16 transplant centers and is  
6 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue  
7 transplantation; and

8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 80,000 people are  
9 waiting for organ transplants in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 16 people die per day in the United  
11 States while waiting for organ transplants; and

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

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

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

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

13      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14   month of April 2002 as "Pennsylvania Organ and Tissue Donor  
15   Awareness Month"; and be it further

16      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
17   Pennsylvanians to carry donor cards or designate themselves as  
18   an organ and tissue donor on their driver's license and discuss  
19   this decision with family members and friends.