

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2007 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life
2 Month."

3 WHEREAS, Organ and tissue transplantation is an important
4 part of modern medical care in this Commonwealth and a life-
5 saving and life-sustaining procedure; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 17 transplant centers
7 which performed more than 2,000 organ transplants in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is recognized the world over as a
9 leader in organ and tissue transplantation because of the
10 outstanding work of these centers; and

11 WHEREAS, The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
12 estimates that more than 95,000 people, including more than
13 7,000 Pennsylvanians, are currently waiting for organ
14 transplants that could save or improve their lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day in the United States, while 77 people
16 receive the transplants they need, approximately 19 die awaiting
17 a transplant; and

1 WHEREAS, Improved treatment and drug therapies have decreased
2 organ rejection and improved the rate of survival and success
3 for organ transplant recipients; and

4 WHEREAS, The need for organ and tissue donation far exceeds
5 the number of organs and the amount of tissue available; and

6 WHEREAS, Organ and tissue donation is essential to the
7 continued success of transplantation; and

8 WHEREAS, Donation by one individual can benefit as many as 50
9 people who are waiting for a transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, The current laws of this Commonwealth allow citizens
11 to donate their organs and tissues through a written statement
12 or with the consent of the family; and

13 WHEREAS, During the month of April each year, thousands of
14 entities across the United States work to promote organ donation
15 awareness in an effort to meet the needs of persons who are
16 awaiting a transplant; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2007
18 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all Pennsylvanians to
20 designate themselves as organ and tissue donors on their
21 drivers' licenses or State identification cards and discuss this
22 decision with their families and friends.