

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 4, 2017

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2017 as "National Donate Life  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, according to Donate Life America, more than  
4 33,000 patients' lives were saved by transplants; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 118,000 men, women and children await  
6 organ transplants; and

7 WHEREAS, Another person is added to the national organ  
8 transplant waiting list every 10 minutes; and

9 WHEREAS, A kidney from a living donor offers patients an  
10 alternative to years on dialysis and time spent on the national  
11 transplant waiting list; and

12 WHEREAS, Each year, there are approximately 30,000 tissue  
13 donors and more than 1 million tissue transplants; and

14 WHEREAS, A single tissue donor can help 75 people; and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 48,000 patients have their sight restored

1 through corneal transplants each year; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 134 million people, or approximately 54%  
3 of the United States adult population, are registered donors;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, According to the United Network for Organ Sharing  
6 (UNOS), in 2015, more than 30,000 transplants were performed in  
7 a single year for the first time in the United States, a  
8 milestone attained through the generosity of donors and their  
9 families; and

10 WHEREAS, The national transplant allocation system developed  
11 by UNOS coordinated 500,000 organ transplants from deceased  
12 donors in the United States from UNOS' inception in October 1987  
13 through May 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 of those recipients are alive  
15 today; and

16 WHEREAS, According to Donate Life PA, 4.6 million  
17 Pennsylvanians have said "yes" to organ and tissue donation by  
18 adding the donor designation on their driver's license; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 7,700 men, women and children in this  
20 Commonwealth are awaiting lifesaving organ transplants; and

21 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an average of nine people die  
22 each day and 450 people die each year awaiting a lifesaving  
23 organ transplant; and

24 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 18 transplant centers and is  
25 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue  
26 transplantation; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
28 month of April 2017 as "National Donate Life Month" in  
29 Pennsylvania and acknowledge the generosity of donors and their  
30 families and the continuing need for organ and tissue donation.