
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 10, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2018 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, As of July 2017, more than 117,000 men, women and
6 children await 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 day, an average of 92 Americans receive
13 lifesaving organ transplants and thousands more benefit from
14 cornea and tissue transplants; and

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

1 WHEREAS, More than 130 million people, or approximately 54%
2 of the United States adult population, are registered donors;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, According to the United Network for Organ Sharing
5 (UNOS), in 2017, more than 34,000 transplants were performed in
6 a single year for the first time in the United States, a
7 milestone attained through the generosity of donors and their
8 families; and

9 WHEREAS, According to UNOS, during the 30-year span from 1988
10 to 2017, a total of 721,742 transplants have been performed
11 nationwide; and

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

15 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 men, women and children in this
16 Commonwealth are awaiting lifesaving organ transplants; and

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 month of April 2018 as "National Donate Life Month" in
22 Pennsylvania and acknowledge the generosity of donors and their
23 families and the continuing need for organ and tissue donation.