
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2019

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APRIL 11, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2019 as "National Donate Life
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2018, according to Donate Life America, more than
4 36,500 patients' lives were saved by transplants; and

5 WHEREAS, As of April 2019, more than 110,000 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 145.5 million people, or approximately 58%
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 2018, more than 36,500 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 which marked the sixth consecutive record-breaking
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, According to UNOS, during the 30-year span from 1988
11 to February 2019, a total of 764,131 transplants have been
12 performed nationwide; and

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 month of April 2019 as "National Donate Life Month" in
23 Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
25 generosity of donors and their families and the continuing need
26 for organ and tissue donation.