

SENATE RESOLUTION

8718

By Senators Rivers, Hobbs, Cleveland, Brown, King, Keiser, Rolfes, Frockt, Conway, Becker, O'Ban, Padden, Hewitt, Dammeier, Parlette, Fraser, Jayapal, Lias, Nelson, and Roach

1 WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissue; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential that all citizens are aware of the
4 opportunity to save and heal the lives of others through organ, eye,
5 and tissue donation and transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than one hundred twenty thousand
7 courageous Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with
8 twenty-two individuals losing their lives every day because of the
9 shortage of donations; and

10 WHEREAS, Every ten minutes, a person is added to the national
11 organ transplant waiting list; and

12 WHEREAS, One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people
13 and heal many more through cornea and tissue donation; and

14 WHEREAS, Families receive comfort through the grieving process
15 with the knowledge that through organ, eye, and tissue donation,
16 another person's life has been saved or enhanced; and

17 WHEREAS, Organ donation offers the recipients a second chance at
18 life, enabling them to be with their families and maintain a higher
19 quality of life; and

20 WHEREAS, The families of organ, eye, and tissue donors receive
21 gratitude from grateful recipients whose lives have been enhanced by
22 transplantation; and

1 WHEREAS, The example set by those who choose to donate
2 reflects the character and compassion of these individuals,
3 whose voluntary choice saves the lives of others;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
5 Senate honor April as National Donate Life Month to remember
6 those who have donated, and celebrate the lives of the
7 recipients.

8 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
9 do hereby certify that this is a true and
10 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8718,
11 adopted by the Senate
12 March 3, 2016

13 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
14 Secretary of the Senate