

SENATE RESOLUTION

8716

By Senator Rivers

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 fifteen 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 organs for transplant; 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 healed; and

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

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

4 WHEREAS, Donate Life America has designated April as
5 National Donate Life Month;

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

10 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8716,
13 adopted by the Senate
14 February 26, 2018

15 BRAD HENDRICKSON
16 Secretary of the Senate