

SENATE RESOLUTION

8639

By Senators Rivers, Billig, Conway, Dozier, Kuderer, Lovelett, Rolfes, Saldaña, Short, Stanford, Valdez, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissues; 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 nearly 106,000 courageous Americans awaiting a
7 lifesaving organ transplant, with 22 individuals losing their lives
8 every day because of the shortage of organs for transplant; and

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, The families of organ, eye, and tissue donors receive
20 gratitude from grateful recipients whose lives have been saved by
21 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, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8639,
13 adopted by the Senate
14 April 5, 2023

15 SARAH BANNISTER
16 Secretary of the Senate