

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Rivers

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 more than one hundred thousand courageous
7 Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with twenty-two
8 individuals losing their lives every day because of the shortage of
9 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 reflects
2 the character and compassion of these individuals, whose voluntary
3 choice saves the lives of others; and

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

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

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