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Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019 AS "NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, April is "National Donate Life Month," celebrated each year to encourage Americans to register as  
2 organ, eye, and tissue donors and to celebrate those who have saved lives through the gift of donation; and

3 WHEREAS, during "National Donate Life Month," we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors,  
4 donor families, and living donors, and recognize the commitment of researchers, innovators, champions, regional partners,  
5 and medical professionals who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing ("UNOS"), in 2017, more than 34,000  
7 transplants were performed in a single year for the first time in the United States, a milestone attained through the  
8 generosity of donors and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, more than 114,000 men, women, and children await organ transplants nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, and on average 22 people die every day  
11 because the organs they need are not donated in time; and

12 WHEREAS, the organ transplant waiting list includes more than 400 Delawareans, while many others benefit  
13 from tissue transplants that greatly enhance their quality of life; and

14 WHEREAS, by becoming an organ, eye, and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than  
15 75 people; and

16 WHEREAS, 95% of the population have indicated that they support organ donation and there is strong support  
17 from healthcare professionals and all organized religions; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 145.5 million people, or approximately 55% of the adult population of the United States  
19 are registered donors; and

20 WHEREAS, in Delaware, 52% have placed the organ donor designation on their driver's license or state  
21 identification card and the number continues to grow thanks to the support of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Department  
22 of Health and Social Services, and other state agencies; and

23 WHEREAS, the most effective way to address this public health crisis is to educate citizens and to encourage  
24 them to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors at donors1.org or through Delaware's Division of Motor Vehicles;

25 NOW, THEREFORE:

26 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring  
27 therein, that the month of April, 2019, is recognized as "National Donate Life Month" in the State of Delaware,  
28 acknowledging the generosity of donors and their families, supporting organ, eye, and tissue donation, and strongly  
29 encouraging all Delawareans to become designated organ, eye, and tissue donors.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution supports designating the month of April 2019 as "National Donate Life Month" in the State of Delaware, thereby recognizing and acknowledging the generosity of donors who have donated organ, eye, and tissue and their families, as well as supporting and encouraging all Delawareans to become designated organ, eye, and tissue donors.

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