

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

Senators Daley, Bayer, Chang, Santana, Alexander, Ananich, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Geiss, Hertel, Hollier, Irwin, Johnson, LaSata, Lauwers, MacDonald, McBroom, McCann, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Polehanki, Schmidt, Shirkey, Stamas, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 2021 as Donate Life Month.

2 Whereas, More than 2,500 Michigan residents are currently
3 waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands more would
4 benefit from tissue and corneal transplant; and

5 Whereas, Michigan has 5.7 million people on the Organ Donor
6 Registry but over 33 percent of adults have not yet registered to
7 save and heal others; and

8 Whereas, The need for organ, tissue, and eye donations grows

1 daily; and

2 Whereas, Nationwide, an average of 22 people die each day
3 because a donated organ did not become available; and

4 Whereas, The people in Michigan most severely affected by
5 chronic kidney disease include over 2,000 who are waiting for a
6 kidney transplant, and a disproportionate number of them are ethnic
7 minorities; and

8 Whereas, Chronic kidney disease is a major public health
9 burden, particularly in multicultural communities; and

10 Whereas, It is more cost effective to transplant a donated
11 kidney than to treat the symptoms of kidney failure for an extended
12 period of time; and

13 Whereas, Organ, tissue, and eye donation can provide families
14 that are tragically confronted by the death of a loved one, the
15 comfort of knowing the gift of life provides another person with
16 renewed hope for a healthy life; and

17 Whereas, A single organ, tissue, and eye donation can save and
18 improve the lives of up to 75 people; and

19 Whereas, The act of giving the gift of life through organ,
20 tissue, and eye donation to someone facing imminent death or living
21 with blindness or a disability is the ultimate act of generosity
22 and kindness; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
24 body recognize April 2021 as Donate Life Month; and be it further

25 Resolved, That we encourage all residents to join the Michigan
26 Organ Donor Registry, share their decision with their families,
27 friends, and colleagues, and encourage them to do the same.