



SPONSOR: Rep. Schwartzkopf & Sen. Lopez

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 AS "NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, more than 100,000 men, women and children await organ transplants nationwide; and

2 WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, and on average, 20 people die every day
3 because the organs they need are not donated in time; and

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

6 WHEREAS, by becoming an organ, eye, and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than
7 100 people; and

8 WHEREAS, 95 percent of the population has indicated that they support organ donation, and there is strong
9 support from healthcare professionals and all organized religions; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), in 2021, more than 40,000 transplants
11 were performed in the United States for the first time ever, a milestone attained through the generosity of donors and their
12 families; and

13 WHEREAS, Gift of Life Donor Program is proud to serve as the Organ Procurement Organization for this region,
14 the most generous region for organ and tissue donation in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 161 million United States adults are registered donors; and

16 WHEREAS, in Delaware, 51 percent have placed the organ donor designation on their driver's license or state
17 identification card and the number continues to grow thanks to the support of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Department
18 of Health and Social Services, and other state agencies; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, during National Donate Life Month, we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors,
24 donor families and living donors, and recognize the commitment of medical professionals, researchers, innovators,
25 champions, and partners who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation.

26 NOW THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware,
28 the Senate concurring therein, that the month of April 2022 is recognized as "National Donate Life Month"; acknowledging
29 the generosity of donors and their families, and support organ, eye, and tissue donation and strongly encourage all
30 Delawareans to become designated organ, eye, and tissue donors.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes the month of April 2022 as "National Donate Life Month" in Delaware.