



SPONSOR: Rep. Schwartzkopf on behalf of all Representatives &
Sen. Townsend on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 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 medical professionals, researchers, innovators,
5 champions, and national partners who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), in 2020, more than 39,000 transplants
7 were performed in the United States, a milestone attained through the generosity of donors and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 107,000 men, women and children await organ transplants nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, and on average, 17 people die every day
10 because the organs they need are not donated in time; and

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

13 WHEREAS, by becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than
14 100 people; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, More than 160 million United States adults are registered donors; and

20 WHEREAS, in Delaware, 51 percent 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 them
24 to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors at donors1.org or through Delaware's Division of Motor Vehicles;

25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Delaware House of Representatives of the 151st General
26 Assembly, the Senate concurring therein, that the members of the Delaware House & Senate recognize the month of April
27 2021 as "National Donate Life Month", acknowledge the generosity of donors and their families, and support organ, eye,
28 and tissue donation and strongly encourage all Delawareans to become designated organ, eye, and tissue donors.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of April 2021 as "National Donate Life Month" in Delaware.