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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 6, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 6, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2020 as "National Donate Life  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2019, according to Donate Life America, more than  
4 39,718 patients' lives were saved by transplants; and

5 WHEREAS, As of April 2020, more than 113,000 men, women and  
6 children await organ transplants; and

7 WHEREAS, Another person is added to the national organ  
8 transplant waiting list every 10 minutes; and

9 WHEREAS, A kidney from a living donor offers patients an  
10 alternative to years on dialysis and time spent on the national  
11 transplant waiting list; and

12 WHEREAS, Each day, an average of 80 Americans receive  
13 lifesaving organ transplants, and thousands more benefit from  
14 cornea and tissue transplants; and

15 WHEREAS, A single tissue donor can help 75 people; and

1       WHEREAS, More than 155 million people, or approximately 58%  
2 of the United States' adult population, are registered donors;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, According to the United Network for Organ Sharing  
5 (UNOS), in 2019, more than 39,718 transplants were performed in  
6 a single year for the first time in the United States, a  
7 milestone which revealed the generosity of donors and their  
8 families and marked the seventh consecutive record-breaking  
9 year; and

10       WHEREAS, According to UNOS, during the 30-year span from 1988  
11 to February 2019, a total of 790,000 transplants have been  
12 performed nationwide; and

13       WHEREAS, According to Donate Life PA, 4.8 million  
14 Pennsylvanians have said "yes" to organ and tissue donation by  
15 adding the donor designation on their driver's license; and

16       WHEREAS, More than 7,500 men, women and children in this  
17 Commonwealth are awaiting lifesaving organ transplants; and

18       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 18 transplant centers and is  
19 recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue  
20 transplantation; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
22 month of April 2020 as "National Donate Life Month" in  
23 Pennsylvania; and be it further

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the  
25 generosity of donors and their families and the continuing need  
26 for organ and tissue donation.