

1 A RESOLUTION supporting, educating, and promoting organ donors.

2 WHEREAS, it is rightful that this body honor those agencies that seek to educate
3 Kentuckians about organ, eye, and tissue donation, and tirelessly strive to push the
4 citizens of the Commonwealth into action to save lives; and

5 WHEREAS, there are 953 Kentuckians currently waiting on a lifesaving organ
6 transplant. Many more are in need of tissue and cornea transplants; and

7 WHEREAS, tragically, 22 people die each day waiting on a lifesaving organ
8 transplant; and

9 WHEREAS, currently 62 percent of Kentuckians are registered organ donors, and
10 to increase this number, public education about the issue is vital; and

11 WHEREAS, over 99 percent of those Kentuckians who are registered did so at their
12 local Circuit Court Clerk's Office; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2019, 415 organs were recovered and transplanted thanks to 135
14 generous organ donors. A groundbreaking 523 tissue donors healed more lives than ever,
15 and over 700 donors gave sight through cornea donation; and

16 WHEREAS, organ, tissue, and cornea donors and their families leave a lasting
17 legacy on earth through their miraculous gifts of life; and

18 WHEREAS, each year, the Aftercare Program supports thousands of donor families
19 with grief support and correspondence, including interactions between recipients and
20 donor families; and

21 WHEREAS, it is essential that Kentuckians learn about the importance of organ,
22 tissue, and cornea donation and become advocates for the importance of donation; and

23 WHEREAS, this body thanks the agencies whose efforts toward this cause have
24 been instrumental, such as UK HealthCare, Norton Children's, and UofL Health
25 transplant programs; Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates and the LifeCenter Organ Donor
26 Network; the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks and Trust for Life; the
27 Kidney Health Alliance of Kentucky and the National Kidney Foundation; the Kentucky

1 Blood Center and Red Cross; the Kentucky Lions Eye Bank; and Donate Life
2 ambassadors and volunteers;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The Senate urges all Kentuckians to support, educate, and promote
7 organ donors.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
9 Resolution to Senator Morgan McGarvey.