

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2023 as Organ Donor Month.

2 WHEREAS, more than 2 million Kentuckians have placed their names on the  
3 Kentucky Organ Donor Registry; and

4 WHEREAS, there are currently more than 1,000 Kentuckians waiting for an organ  
5 donation, with the largest waiting group being persons 50 to 64 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, on average, one person is added to the national organ transplant  
7 waiting list every ten minutes; and

8 WHEREAS, the need for organ donations greatly surpasses the supply available  
9 and the divide will likely increase in the coming years; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 22 patients die every day while waiting for a donated  
11 heart, liver, kidney, or other organ; and

12 WHEREAS, an organ donation from a single donor can save the lives of up to eight  
13 people; and

14 WHEREAS, last year 239 organ donors and 529 tissue donors resulted in nearly  
15 600 lives saved across Kentucky; and

16 WHEREAS, raising awareness and promoting information about the need for organ  
17 donors and encouraging people to become organ donors is imperative to increase the  
18 number of lives saved and changed for the better through organ donation;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes April 2023 as Organ Donor Month.

23 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
24 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell.