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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More than 118,000 people are currently waiting for
3 an organ transplant; 22 people will die each day waiting for an
4 organ, and one person is added to the organ donor waiting list
5 every 10 minutes; and

6 WHEREAS, One organ donor can save up to eight lives and let
7 up to 79 people receive organ transplants; a single tissue
8 donor can save or heal up to 50 people; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 24,000 patients saw their lives saved or
10 markedly improved in 2014 thanks to organ transplants; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 130 million people in the United States
12 are signed up to be organ, eye, and tissue donors, which is
13 approximately 50% of the United States adult population; and

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois should be made aware of
15 the need for organ donors and that everyone can become a donor,
16 regardless of age, race, or medical history; and

17 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month takes place every year
18 in April and features an entire month of local, regional, and
19 national activities to help encourage Americans to register as
20 organ, eye, and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have

1 saved lives through the gift of donation; and

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should encourage all
3 residents 18 years and older to register as an organ donor at
4 the same time they apply for or renew a driver's license or ID
5 card; and

6 WHEREAS, Organ Donor Registration Month in the State of
7 Illinois promotes education and awareness of how citizens can
8 become donors and the importance of being a donor to help save
9 lives; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 recognize April of 2017 as Organ Donor Registration Month in
13 the State of Illinois in honor of those who have lost their
14 lives while waiting on a transplant list, to celebrate the
15 lives of those who have been saved through organ donation, and
16 to thank those who have been donors.