



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

March 17, 2009 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, LEHMAN, COWLES, DARLING, COGGS, HANSEN, HARSDORF, KEDZIE, KREITLOW, LASSA, MILLER, PLALE, SCHULTZ, WIRCH, ERPENBACH, OLSEN and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, CLARK, DEXTER, GRIGSBY, HEBL, HINTZ, KERKMAN, LOTHIAN, MONTGOMERY, NERISON, A. OTT, PASCH, PETERSEN, POPE-ROBERTS, SEIDEL, SMITH, SPANBAUER, STASKUNAS, TOLES, TURNER, VAN AKKEREN, M. WILLIAMS, JORGENSEN, KAUFERT, NYGREN, J. OTT, STONE, STRACHOTA, SUDER, TAUCHEN, TOWNSEND, VAN ROY and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** declaring April 2009 Donate Life Month.

2             Whereas, each year since 2003 during the month of April we recognize the  
3     critical need for organ and tissue donation and honor those individuals who have  
4     donated life; and

5             Whereas, the list of people awaiting organ transplants in Wisconsin numbers  
6     1,400 names, more than half of whom have waited more than a year, and nationally  
7     more than 100,000 individuals are on the organ transplant waiting list at any given  
8     time; and

9             Whereas, every 13 minutes another man, woman, or child is added to the  
10    transplant waiting list; and

11            Whereas, there were 737 transplants performed in Wisconsin in 2007 from the  
12    generosity of 377 donors and donor families; and

13            Whereas, despite the success of current efforts 18 people die each day waiting  
14    for a donor organ; and

