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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 95

February 12, 2020 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, JACQUE, NASS, RINGHAND, RISSER, SCHACHTNER, SMITH, L. TAYLOR and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, SARGENT, TITTL, ALLEN, ANDERSON, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CROWLEY, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, KULP, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURSAU, L. MYERS, POPE, ROHRKASTE, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, TAUCHEN, C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VRUWINK, WITKE and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming April 2020 as Donate Life Month in the state of Wisconsin.

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

5 Whereas, the list of people awaiting organ transplants in Wisconsin numbers
6 nearly 1,900 names, about half of whom have waited more than two years, and
7 nationally, over 112,000 individuals are on the national organ transplant waiting
8 list; and

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

11 Whereas, there were 751 transplants performed in Wisconsin in 2019 from the
12 generosity of 436 donors and donor families; and

13 Whereas, despite the success of current efforts, 22 people die each day waiting
14 for a donor organ; and

1 Whereas, up to 175,000 people each year are diagnosed with leukemia or other
2 blood diseases, and approximately 120,000 will not find a marrow donor match
3 within their family and must rely upon the generosity of strangers; and

4 Whereas, nearly 32,000 units of blood are used in the United States every day,
5 and blood supply reserves are often low because only 10 percent of the population
6 donates blood regularly; and

7 Whereas, a single individual's donation of heart, lungs, liver, kidneys,
8 pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can
9 help save or enhance the lives of as many as 75 recipients; and

10 Whereas, almost every individual, regardless of age, is a potential organ, tissue,
11 bone marrow, or blood donor; and

12 Whereas, transplantation has become an element of mainstream medicine to
13 prolong and enhance life; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin Legislature proclaim April 2020 as Donate Life Month in the state of
16 Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to learn
18 about the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation, to sign up
19 to be a donor in English or Spanish at the Wisconsin donor registry,
20 DonorRegistry.Wisconsin.gov, or through the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles,
21 and to discuss such a decision with their families and friends; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to Donate Life Wisconsin, Inc.

24 (END)