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March 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Clark, Dexter, Grigsby, Hebl, Hintz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Lothian, Montgomery, Nerison, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Pasch, Petersen, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Smith, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, M. Williams and Ziegelbauer, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, Hansen, Harsdorf, Lehman, Kedzie, Kreitlow, Lassa, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Schultz, Taylor and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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1	Whereas, up to 30,000 people each year are diagnosed with leukemia or other
2	blood diseases and approximately 20,000 will not find a marrow donor match within
3	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 5 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 8 lives, and donation of tissue can help
9	save or enhance the lives of as many as 50 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 that
13	prolongs and enhances life; now, therefore, be it
14	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
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