



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 31

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, HARS DORF, 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

