



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

April 4, 2011 – Introduced by Senators OLSEN, COWLES, DARLING, HARSDORF, HOLPERIN, KEDZIE, LASSA, LAZICH, LEIBHAM, MOULTON, RISSER, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, BARCA, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BEWLEY, BIES, BROOKS, HEBL, JORGENSEN, KERKMAN, MARKLEIN, MILROY, MURSAU, A. OTT, PETRYK, POPE-ROBERTS, RIVARD, ROYS, SHILLING, SINICKI, SPANBAUER, STRACHOTA, THIESFELDT, WILLIAMS, RINGHAND and LOUDENBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** declaring April 2011 Donate Life Month.

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 1,700 names, more than half of whom have waited more than a year, and  
7     nationally more than 110,000 individuals are on the organ transplant waiting list at  
8     any given time; and

9             Whereas, every 12 minutes another man, woman, or child is added to the  
10    national transplant waiting list; and

11            Whereas, there were 677 transplants performed in Wisconsin in 2009 from the  
12    generosity of 342 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

