

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## **2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17**

April 5, 2013 – Introduced by Senator Olsen, cosponsored by Representative BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: declaring April 2013 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	more than 2,100 names, more than half of whom have waited more than a year, and
7	nationally more than 117,000 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
L0	national transplant waiting list; and
11	Whereas, there were 700 transplants performed in Wisconsin in 2011 from the
12	generosity of 346 donors and donor families; and
13	Whereas, despite the success of current efforts, 18 people die each day waiting
L <b>4</b>	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 eight lives, and donation of tissue can
9	help 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	<b>Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That</b> the members of the
15	Wisconsin legislature proclaim April 2013 as Donate Life Month in the state of
16	Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further
17	<b>Resolved, That</b> 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 at the Wisconsin donor registry at www.DonorRegistry.Wisconsin.gov
20	or through the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles, and to discuss such decision
21	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.

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