

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.29

Senator Daley, Alexander, Ananich, Bizon, Brinks, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Geiss, Hollier, Irwin, LaSata, Lucido, MacDonald, MacGregor, McMorrow, Moss, Outman, Polehanki, Runestad, Santana, Shirkey, Stamas, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, Wojno, Zorn, Johnson and Lauwers offered the following resolution:

- 1       A resolution to recognize April 2019 as Donate Life Month.
- 2       Whereas, More than 3,100 Michigan residents are currently
- 3       waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and many thousands more
- 4       would benefit from tissue and corneal transplants; and
- 5       Whereas, The state of Michigan has 5.2 million people on the
- 6       Organ Donor Registry, but over 33 percent of adults have not yet
- 7       registered to save and heal others; and
- 8       Whereas, The need for organ, tissue, and eye donations grows

1 daily; and

2       Whereas, Nationwide, an average of 22 people die each day  
3 because a donated organ did not become available; and

4       Whereas, The people in Michigan most severely affected by  
5 chronic kidney disease include over 2,300 who are waiting for a  
6 kidney transplant and a disproportionate number of them are ethnic  
7 minorities; and

8       Whereas, Chronic kidney disease is a major public health  
9 burden, particularly in multicultural communities; and

10       Whereas, It is more cost effective to transplant a donated  
11 kidney than to treat the symptoms of kidney failure for an extended  
12 period of time; and

13       Whereas, Organ, tissue, and eye donation can provide families  
14 that are tragically confronted by the death of a loved one the  
15 comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissues provides  
16 another person with a renewed hope for a healthy life; and

17       Whereas, A single organ, tissue, and eye donor can save and  
18 improve the lives of up to 75 people; and

19       Whereas, The act of giving the gift of life through organ,  
20 tissue, and eye donation to someone facing imminent death, living  
21 with blindness, or who has a disability is the ultimate act of  
22 generosity and kindness; now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
24 body recognize April 2019 as Donate Life Month; and be it further

25       Resolved, That we encourage all residents to join the Michigan  
26 Organ Donor Registry, share their decision to do so with their  
27 families, friends, and colleagues, and encourage others to do the  
28 same.