

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.29

Senator Daley 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
9 daily; and

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

12 Whereas, The people in Michigan most severely affected by

1 chronic kidney disease include over 2,300 who are waiting for a
2 kidney transplant and a disproportionate number of them are ethnic
3 minorities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Resolved, That we encourage all residents to join the Michigan
22 Organ Donor Registry, share their decision to do so with their
23 families, friends, and colleagues, and encourage others to do the
24 same.