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S. RES. 162

Supporting the designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2019

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

MAY 6, 2019

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”.

Whereas, in April 2019, more than 113,000 individuals were on the official waiting list for organ donation managed by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network established under section 372 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274) (referred to in this preamble as the “national transplant waiting list”);

Whereas, in 2018, 36,529 transplant procedures were performed in the United States with organs from 10,721 deceased donors and 6,841 living donors, yet on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas more than 150,000,000 people in the United States are registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand for donated organs outweighs the supply of organs made available each day;

Whereas, in 2018, a record was set for the number of organ transplants performed in a single year, for the sixth consecutive year, yet every 10 minutes, 1 person is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to 8 individuals, and tissue donation from a single deceased donor can benefit an additional 75 individuals;

Whereas a living donor can donate a kidney or a portion of a lung or the liver to save the life of another individual; and

Whereas April is traditionally recognized as “National Donate Life Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of April 2019 as
3 “National Donate Life Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Donate Life Month;

6 (3) supports promoting awareness of organ and
7 tissue donation by increasing public awareness;

8 (4) encourages States, localities, and territories
9 of the United States to support the goals and ideals
10 of National Donate Life Month by issuing a procla-

1 mation to designate April as “National Donate Life
2 Month”;

3 (5) commends each individual who—

4 (A) is a registered organ donor who may
5 have a positive effect on the life of another indi-
6 vidual; or

7 (B) indicates a wish to become an organ
8 and tissue donor;

9 (6) acknowledges the grief of families who face
10 the loss of loved ones and commends the families
11 who, in their grief, choose to donate the organs and
12 tissues of deceased family members;

13 (7) recognizes the generous contribution made
14 by each living individual who has donated an organ
15 or tissue to save and enhance the life of another in-
16 dividual;

17 (8) acknowledges the advances in medical tech-
18 nology that have enabled organ transplantation with
19 organs donated by living individuals to become a via-
20 ble treatment option for an increasing number of pa-
21 tients;

22 (9) commends the medical professionals and
23 organ donation and transplantation experts who
24 have worked to improve organ donation of deceased
25 and living individuals and to increase the number of

1 deceased and living donors, thus saving more lives;
2 and
3 (10) salutes each individual who has helped to
4 give the gift of life by supporting, promoting, and
5 encouraging organ and tissue donation.

