

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate April 2020 as Organ Donor Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize April 2020 as Organ Donation Awareness Month in Louisiana as organ and tissue donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 112,000 people across the country are waiting on a life-saving organ transplant with more than 2,000 of those individuals residing in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more than 85 patients can benefit from the gifts of one donor hero and donated organs such as a heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can potentially save eight lives; and

WHEREAS, donated corneas can restore sight to two recipients and recovered tissues can enhance more than 75 lives primarily through reconstructive surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the listing names in the Louisiana Donor Registry provides hope for those whose life or productivity depends on a transplant; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million Louisiana residents have already registered as an organ donor at the Office of Motor Vehicles when applying for or renewing a driver's license and many others sign up online; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of giving and the decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency and Donate Life Louisiana work together with volunteers, the private-sector, nonprofits, and media partners to promote awareness and inform the public of the life-saving potential of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate April 2020 as Organ Donor Awareness Month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency and Donate Life Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES