

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1022

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming April as National Donate
10 Life Month.

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12 WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred thousand people on the
13 national organ transplant waiting list, and more than six hundred of
14 these individuals are in the State of Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, on average, one person is added to the national organ
16 transplant waiting list every nine minutes; and

17 WHEREAS, approximately seventeen patients die each day while
18 waiting for a donated heart, liver, kidney or other organ; and

19 WHEREAS, the need for organ donations greatly exceeds the supply
20 available and will likely increase in the coming years; and

21 WHEREAS, more than one million tissue transplants are done each
22 year in the United States and the surgical need for tissue has been
23 steadily rising; and

1 WHEREAS, the need for a more diverse donor pool, including a
2 variety of racial and ethnic groups, will continue to grow in the
3 coming years; and

4 WHEREAS, many Americans have indicated a willingness to donate
5 their organs and tissues but have not discussed this critical matter
6 with their family members; and

7 WHEREAS, the final decision regarding whether a potential donor
8 will share the gift of life is often made by surviving family
9 members regardless of the potential donor's intent; and

10 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month is both a national
11 observance to raise awareness of the critical need for organ and
12 tissue donation and also an initiative to educate the community
13 about the facts and process of how to make the decision to donate
14 life.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2021, is hereby proclaimed to be
18 National Donate Life Month so that someday we may be able to donate
19 life to someone waiting for a second chance.

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21 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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