

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1022

By: McCall

A Resolution proclaiming April as National Donate Life Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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