

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-152

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 5, 2022

To declare April 2022 as “Donate Life Month” in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation, to recognize Donate Life DC and the Washington Regional Transplant Community for their life-saving work, and to honor transplant donors, recipients, and families.

WHEREAS, Donate Life Month was established by Donate Life America in 2003 to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation for life-saving transplants and procedures that significantly improve quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Donate Life Washington, D.C. donor registry is operated by the Washington Regional Transplant Community and Donate Life DC under authorization from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

WHEREAS, there are 467,321 registered organ donors in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, more than 1,800 residents in the District of Columbia are waiting for organ and tissue donations, and 115,000 waiting nationally, and 7,000 Americans die each year waiting for an organ transplant;

WHEREAS, there are more than 6,000 living donors in the United States each year, who donate a portion of their liver, a kidney, or segments of other organs to friends, families, and strangers in need of a transplant;

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and tissue donation can enhance over 75 lives;

WHEREAS, any District of Columbia resident 18 years or older can register to join the Donate Life D.C. Registry, and residents ages 13 to 17 can register with a parent or legal guardian’s permission and ultimate decision. There is no age limit to register to become a donor;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia commends and thanks the organ, eye, tissue donors in the District of Columbia for their extraordinary gift of life.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Donate Life Month Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Donate Life DC and the Washington Regional Transplant Community for their tireless work to support organ donation and transplant, the registered donors of the District of Columbia, the recipients of organ, eye, and tissue transplants, and the families and communities who support donors and recipients, and declares the month of April 2022 as “Donate Life Month” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.