

## House Resolution 1605

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Boddie of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 2020 as National Minority Donor Awareness Month; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another  
4 is the gift of life; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 112,000 men, women, and children, 4,800 of whom reside in  
6 Georgia, await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 71 percent of those awaiting a transplant in Georgia are ethnic  
8 minorities; and

9 WHEREAS, African Americans make up the largest group of minorities in need of an organ  
10 transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily, with a new patient  
12 being added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every ten minutes; and

13 WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis; and owing to the lack  
14 of available organs, an average of 22 people on the waiting list die each day; and

15 WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donations can provide grieving families the comfort of  
16 knowing that their gift endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

17 WHEREAS, donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of  
18 generosity and kindness that we, as Georgians, can perform; and

19 WHEREAS, more than 4.9 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give  
20 the gift of life at [www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org](http://www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org), when getting or renewing their driver's

21 license or state identification card at a driver's license office, or when purchasing a hunting  
22 or fishing license through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and

23 WHEREAS, in order to increase the number of lives saved through organ transplantation,  
24 LifeLink of Georgia, the nonprofit community service organization dedicated to the recovery  
25 of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation, provides public education to minority  
26 communities throughout Georgia all year and, particularly, during the month of August in  
27 celebration of National Minority Donor Awareness Month; and

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29 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink of Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize August 2020 as National Minority Donor Awareness  
32 Month.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 public and the press.