

Senate Resolution 560

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2024, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, nearly 2,900 Georgians provided the gift of renewed or improved life through
3 organ, eye, and tissue donation during 2023, including 170 who chose to become living
4 kidney donors, saving and improving the lives of tens of thousands through organ, cornea,
5 and tissue transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, these generous gifts were facilitated by organ, tissue, and eye recovery and
7 transplant organizations in Georgia that work together to educate the public about the
8 importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation as Donate Life Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Transplant Foundation bridges the gap between hope and
10 opportunity by providing financial, educational, emotional, and community support programs
11 and services that enrich the lives of those affected by organ transplantation in the State of
12 Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Donate Life Georgia encourages individuals to register their decision to save
14 lives by joining the Donate Life Georgia organ, eye, and tissue donor registry while obtaining

15 a driver's license, online at www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org, or when obtaining a hunting or
16 fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Donate Life Georgia is working tirelessly to ensure that the nearly 3,000
18 Georgians currently awaiting an organ transplant have a chance at life; and

19 WHEREAS, by celebrating Donor Day at the state capitol and sharing the Donate Life
20 message, we can save and heal more lives and honor donors' legacy of generosity and
21 compassion; and

22 WHEREAS, we recognize those who have given and received the gift of life through organ,
23 eye, and tissue donation, both after death and through living donation; those who are
24 currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant; and those who died waiting because an organ
25 was not gifted in time.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the selfless individuals and their families who make donation possible as well as
28 the member organizations of Donate Life Georgia for their tireless dedication to educating
29 Georgians about and saving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation and recognize
30 February 15, 2024, as Donor Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Donate Life
33 Georgia.