

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN
3 DONATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ORGAN DONATION
4 AWARENESS.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, there are 114,896 people who need a lifesaving organ trans-
7 plant, and of those people, 74,716 people are active waiting list candi-
8 dates; and

9 WHEREAS, there are currently more than 850 people on the Idaho organ do-
10 nation waiting list; and

11 WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,000 children under the age of 18 on
12 the national organ donation waiting list; and

13 WHEREAS, every 10 minutes, someone is added to the national transplant
14 wait list; and

15 WHEREAS, on average, 20 people die each day waiting for an organ trans-
16 plant; and

17 WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives; and

18 WHEREAS, a person can sign up to be an organ donor when receiving or re-
19 newing a driver's license; and

20 WHEREAS, most donated organs must come from an individual who is within
21 15 years of age to the recipient; and

22 WHEREAS, adolescents are able to donate to a wide range of adults and
23 children due to their age; and

24 WHEREAS, the number of adolescent donors, ages 11 to 17, has signifi-
25 cantly decreased from 706 donors in 1995 to 410 donors in 2013.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
27 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
28 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes that organ
29 donation is a selfless and generous gift that can save lives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that the abil-
31 ity to transplant organs is one of the greatest success stories in modern
32 medicine.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports increased aware-
34 ness and education for adolescent and adult organ transplants.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages people of all
36 ages to consider becoming an organ donor.