

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution proclaiming April as National Donate  
9 Life Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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