

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 197

Expressing support for designation of April as “Organ Donation Awareness/
Donate Life Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2015

Mr. WALKER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of April as “Organ
Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month”.

Whereas according to United Network of Organ Sharing
(UNOS), more than 116,000 people are waiting for
organ transplants;

Whereas an average of 18 people awaiting transplants die
each day due to the severe shortage of donated organs;

Whereas every 10 minutes another name is added to the
transplant waiting list;

Whereas one organ donor can save the lives of up to 8 people
and improve the lives of up to 50 people through tissue
and cornea donation;

Whereas everyone should be encouraged to get the facts about donation and discuss their wishes with their families;

Whereas the Department of Motor Vehicles plays a critical role in maintaining a donor registry, with donors having registered when receiving their driver's license or ID card, which are identified by the symbol of a red heart;

Whereas State organ recovery agencies, health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations hope to boost the numbers of organ, tissue, eye, blood, bone marrow, and stem cell donors throughout the United States; and

Whereas April would be an appropriate month to designate as "Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month":
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of "Organ Donation Awareness/Donate
- 3 Life Month".

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