

SENATE RESOLUTION

8668

By Senators Rivers, King, Becker, Dansel, Baumgartner, Sheldon, O'Ban, Padden, Hatfield, Nelson, Mullet, Hewitt, Rolfes, Angel, Jayapal, Dammeier, Brown, Roach, Miloscia, Keiser, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles, Benton, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, Many Washington citizens have literally given the gift
2 of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissue; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential that all citizens are aware of the
4 opportunity to save and enhance the lives of others through organ,
5 eye, and tissue donation and transplantation; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than one hundred twenty-three thousand
7 courageous Americans awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, with
8 twenty-one individuals losing their lives every day because of the
9 shortage of donations; and

10 WHEREAS, Every ten minutes a person is added to the national
11 organ donation waiting list; and

12 WHEREAS, An organ, eye, and tissue donation from one individual
13 can save or heal the lives of over fifty people; and

14 WHEREAS, Families receive comfort during the grieving process
15 with the knowledge that through organ, eye, and tissue donation,
16 another person's life has been saved or enhanced; and

17 WHEREAS, Organ donation offers the recipients a second chance at
18 life, enabling them to be with their families and maintain a higher
19 quality of life; and

20 WHEREAS, Through organ, eye, and tissue donation, a donor and the
21 donor's family receive gratitude from the recipient's family and are
22 honored by the enhancement of the recipient's life; and

1 WHEREAS, The example set by those who choose to donate
2 reflects the character and compassion of these individuals,
3 whose voluntary choice saves the lives of others;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
5 Senate honor April as National Donate Life Month to remember
6 those who have donated, and celebrate the lives of the
7 recipients.

8 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
9 do hereby certify that this is a true and
10 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8668,
11 adopted by the Senate
12 April 16, 2015

13 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
14 Secretary of the Senate