**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021, AS “DONOR DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA; TO HONOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE; TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE EXTREME NEED FOR ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONATION; AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE ACTION AND SIGN UP ON SOUTH CAROLINA’S ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY AT THEIR LOCAL SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OFFICE OR AT DONATE LIFE SOUTH CAROLINA’S WEBSITE.

Whereas, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

Whereas, more than 108,000 men, women, and children in the United States await life‑saving or life‑enhancing organ transplants, of which over 1,200 are residents of South Carolina; and

Whereas, currently 957 of those patients are awaiting a kidney transplant in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis, as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every ten minutes; and

Whereas, an average of twenty-two people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and

Whereas, living donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs, blood, and bone marrow endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

Whereas, donating life through the gift of donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness that South Carolina citizens can perform; and

Whereas, Donate Life South Carolina and Sharing Hope SC are the State’s non‑profit organizations dedicated to promoting awareness about the need for organ and tissue donation; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly support Donate Life South Carolina and Sharing Hope SC’s life‑saving mission. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize Friday, April 16, 2021, as “Donor Day” in South Carolina; honor all those who have made the decision to give the gift of life; focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye, and tissue donation; and encourage all residents to take action and sign up on South Carolina’s organ and tissue donor registry at their local South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles office or at Donate Life South Carolina’s website.

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