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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the week of April
18-24, 1999, as National Organ and Tissue Donor
Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, the success of National Organ and Tissue Donor
Awareness Week depends largely on the commitment made by the
leadership of this state to ensure that every Florida citizen
becomes aware of and has an opportunity to alleviate the
critical need for organ and tissue donations, and

WHEREAS, through statutory mandates, the State of
Florida Organ and Tissue Donor Education Program, the Organ
and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation Advisory Board, the
Transplant Advisory Council, and the Bone Marrow Advisory
Board were created to help increase donations of these
precious gifts of life, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Florida Coalition on
Donation, the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education
Program, the Transplant Recipients International Organization,
the Marrow Donor Program, and the National Kidney Foundation,
community-based efforts are continuously being made to educate
and encourage contributions of these "gifts that keep on
giving," and

WHEREAS, much of the success behind Florida's leading
the nation in transplantation is through its partnerships with
hospitals and organ, tissue, and eye procurement
organizations, and

WHEREAS, through the support and cooperation of a
concerned populace, the list of more than 60,000 individuals
nationally who are awaiting a life-saving or life-enhancing
transplant can be sharply reduced or eliminated entirely, and

1 WHEREAS, the generosity of Floridians alone is
2 sufficient to reduce the waiting list of over 1,200
3 individuals in this state who are in need of a transplant,
4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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8 That the Florida Senate pauses in its deliberations to
9 recognize the week of April 18-24, 1999, as National Organ and
10 Tissue Donor Awareness Week and to encourage all citizens to
11 register as organ and tissue donors.

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