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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing April 2005 as "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month" and encouraging Floridians to become a part of the Florida Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

WHEREAS, the Florida Senate recognizes the contributions made every day by families, family members, donor organizations, and private individuals in prolonging life and the quality of life of fellow human beings through organ and tissue donations, and

WHEREAS, organ and tissue donation is encouraged if government and private entities work together to provide educational tools that encourage family discussions and encourage individuals to make conscious choices concerning the disposition of their organs and tissue, and

WHEREAS, in the United States more than 87,000 individuals are on the National Organ Donor Waiting List, and

WHEREAS, Florida currently has more than 3,000 individuals on the National Organ Donor Waiting List, and

WHEREAS, on average, 18 people die each day because of a lack of donated organs and tissue, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Senate recognizes the dedication, selflessness, and contributions of donor families who choose to provide the ultimate "Gift of Life" so that others might live or have a better quality of life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 2005 is recognized as "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month" in the State of Florida, and all

1 residents of this state are urged to have family discussions  
2 encouraging family members to become part of the Florida Organ  
3 and Tissue Donor Registry.  
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