

By Senator Oelrich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2010 as "Donate Life Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, organ donation is one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another, and

WHEREAS, each year, about 26,000 persons nationwide receive a lifesaving organ transplant, and

WHEREAS, a new patient is added to the national patient wait list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes, and

WHEREAS, more than 105,000 men, women, and children nationwide currently are on the national wait list for organ transplantation, with more than 3,800 of them Floridians, and

WHEREAS, an average of 18 people die every day awaiting an organ transplant that does not come in time, and thousands more could benefit from life-improving tissue transplants each year, and

WHEREAS, each of us is a potential organ, eye, and tissue donor and can register our wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at the DonateLifeFlorida.org website or on our driver's license, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida supports Donate Life Florida's lifesaving mission, and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Congress declared that, each year, a week in April shall be recognized as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week," and

WHEREAS, in 2003, then-Secretary of the United States Department Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson recognized April as "National Donate Life Month," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That April 2010 is recognized as "Donate Life Month" in
34 Florida.