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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING APRIL OF 2022 TO BE "ORGAN DONATION MONTH" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Serpa, McNamara, Cassar,
Filippi, McLaughlin, Kennedy, Tanzi, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: March 31, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Each and every day new people join the national organ transplant waiting
2 list. Sadly, many of them will die because not enough organs are available for transplant, and
3 thousands of others whose lives would greatly benefit from the gift of an organ, eye, or tissue
4 donation continue to wait and hope; and

5 WHEREAS, Organ donation is the surgical removal of organs from one person and
6 transplanting them to replace the non-functional organs of another person and is oftentimes the
7 only hope at a new life for people with end-stage organ failure; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, there are more than 106,000 Americans, with more than 6,700 in
9 New England, who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, All Rhode Islanders can help to save someone's life and can benefit up to
11 fifty recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Rhode
12 Island Donor Registry when they apply for, or renew, their drivers licenses or by registering on-
13 line at www.RegisterMe.org; and

14 WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, ninety-nine percent of all people who register to become a
15 donor do so at the Division of Motor Vehicles. It is a fast and easy way to sign up to save a life
16 and it is fitting that Rhode Islanders join in the national goal of signing up fifty percent of our
17 driving population to become donors; and

18 WHEREAS, Organ Donation Month also provides us all with the opportunity to honor
19 and pay tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life

1 enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
3 proclaims April of 2022 to be "Organ Donation Month" and moreover urges all Rhode Islanders
4 to become life-saving champions by getting the heart on their driver's license/ID/Real ID and by
5 promoting the cause of saving lives through organ donation and awareness for this noble cause;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Organ Donor Awareness
9 Coalition (RIODAC) and Walter Craddock, Division of Motor Vehicles.

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