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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL OF 2021 AS "DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Dawn M. Euer

Date Introduced: April 28, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Since 2003, the month of April has been celebrated as National Donate Life  
2 Month, during which local, state, and national activities are held in order to educate and  
3 encourage individuals to register as donors; and

4           WHEREAS, Organ donation and transplantation saves lives. Globally, a person is added  
5 to the national transplant waiting list every ten minutes which currently has approximately  
6 113,000 individuals awaiting an organ donation; and

7           WHEREAS, Organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to eight  
8 individuals, and living kidney and liver donors provide transplant candidates with the chance to  
9 live longer; and

10           WHEREAS, Despite over 130 million people being registered as organ, eye, and tissue  
11 donors, the need for donated organs far outweighs the supply and sadly, an average of twenty  
12 people die each day while waiting for a transplant; and

13           WHEREAS, New England Donor Services (NEDS) oversees and coordinates the entire  
14 donation process for thousands of families in our region each year; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition, NEDS works with nearly 200 hospitals and screens nearly  
16 50,000 potential donors; and

17           WHEREAS, In 2019, 346 patients from Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's  
18 Hospital met criteria for referral to NEDS for potential organ donation and ultimately 22 patients  
19 were able to help 72 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has partnered with  
2 Donate Life New England, a program offered through the New England Organ Bank, that allows  
3 drivers a fast and easy way to make their donation decision known; and

4           WHEREAS, Currently, 99 percent of all people who identify themselves as an organ &  
5 tissue donor do so at the RI DMV; and

6           WHEREAS, Making the decision to become an organ donor is ultimately and  
7 munificently choosing to give the gift of life; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates April of  
9 2021 as "Donate Life Month" and urges all Rhode Islanders to register as organ donors; and be it  
10 further

11          RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby recognizes New England Donor Services and the  
12 Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles for the critical role they play in organ donations; and  
13 be it further

14          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Alex Glazier, President & CEO of New  
16 England Donor Services, and Walter R. Craddock, Administrator of the Rhode Island Department  
17 of Motor Vehicles.

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