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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 16

Introduced by Senators Runner and Benoit

(Coauthors: Senators Cox, DeSaulnier, Florez, and Harman)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to DMV/Donate Life California Registry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 16, as amended, Runner. DMV/Donate Life California Registry.

This measure would proclaim April 4, 2009, as DMV/Donate Life California Day and the month of April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month. This measure would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, and blood donation are
2 compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized
3 in the highest regard; and

4 WHEREAS, Nearly 100,000 individuals nationwide and more
5 than 20,000 Californians are currently on the national organ
6 transplant wait list. While about one-third of these patients receive
7 a transplant each year, another one-third die while waiting, due to
8 a shortage of donated organs; and

9 WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs,
10 liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight
11 lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up
12 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in
13 need; and

14 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced
15 by donors of organs, tissue, and blood; and

16 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together
17 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. More
18 than four million Californians have signed up with the
19 state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure that
20 their wishes to be an organ and tissue donor are honored; and

21 WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate
22 Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her
23 drivers's license or identification card at the Department of Motor
24 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring,* That in recognition of April as National Donate
27 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 4, 2009, as
28 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
29 April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
30 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
31 to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license
32 or identification card, or by signing up at
33 www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
34 and be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
36 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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