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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 132

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

March 20, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to organ donation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 132, as amended, John A. Pérez. ~~Donate-life~~ *Life* California Day: driver’s license.

This measure would designate April 18, 2012, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California, and ~~encourages~~ *would encourage* all Californians to be organ, tissue, and blood donors.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood ~~donation~~ *donations*
2 are compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized
3 in the highest regards; and
4 WHEREAS, More than 113,000 individuals nationwide and
5 more 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

1 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in
2 need; and

3 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced
4 by donors of organs, tissue, ~~corneas~~ eyes, and blood; and

5 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together
6 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. Nearly
7 nine million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized
8 Donate Life California Registry to ensure that their wishes to be
9 an organ and tissue donor are honored; and

10 WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate
11 Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her
12 driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor
13 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate
16 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 18, 2012, as
17 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
18 April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
19 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
20 to register with the Donate Life California Registry by checking
21 "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license or
22 identification card or by signing up at
23 www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
24 and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.