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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 132

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

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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 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 would encourage all Californians to be organ, tissue, and blood donors.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood donations are
2 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
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, eyes, and blood; and

16 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together
17 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. Nearly
18 nine million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized
19 Donate Life California Registry to ensure that their wishes to be
20 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 driver’s license or identification card at the Department of Motor
24 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring,* That in recognition of April as National Donate
27 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 18, 2012, as
28 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
29 April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
30 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
31 to register with the Donate Life California Registry by checking
32 “YES” when applying for or renewing a driver’s license or
33 identification card or by signing up at
34 www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
35 and be it further

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

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