

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 125

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

March 28, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 125—Relative to organ donation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 125, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Donate Life California Day: driver's license.

This measure would designate April 7, 2014, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California and the month of April 2014, as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California, and would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood donation are
2 compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized
3 in the highest regard; and
4 WHEREAS, More than 121,000 individuals nationwide and
5 over 21,000 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, 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 eleven million Californians have signed up with the
8 state-authorized Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor
9 Registry to ensure that their wishes to be an organ, eye, and tissue
10 donor are honored; and

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

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate
17 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 7, 2014, as
18 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
19 April 2014 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
20 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
21 to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license
22 or identification card, or by signing up at
23 www.donatelifecalifornia.org or www.donevidacalifornia.org; and
24 be it further

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