

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 20, 2015

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

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(Coauthor: Senator Berryhill)

February 23, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Relative to organ donation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 29, as amended, Frazier. Donate Life California Day: driver's license.

This measure would designate April 20, 2015, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California and the month of April 2015, 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 123,000 individuals nationwide and
5 over 22,000 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, The California Department of Motor Vehicles is
17 celebrating 100 years of service to the State of California and ten
18 years as the official partner of Donate Life California; and

19 WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate
20 Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her
21 driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor
22 Vehicles; and

23 WHEREAS, Nearly twelve million Californians have joined
24 together to save lives by signing up with the state-authorized
25 Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure
26 that their wishes to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor are
27 recognized and honored; and

28 WHEREAS, Minorities are more likely to need a life-saving
29 transplant due to higher incidences of hypertension, diabetes, and
30 hepatitis, conditions that can potentially lead to organ failure and
31 placement on the national organ transplant waiting list; and

32 WHEREAS, Nationwide, minorities make up 58 percent of
33 organ transplant candidates and 64 percent of those awaiting kidney
34 transplants. In California, Latinos make up 39 percent of those
35 waiting for life-saving transplants, Asians and Pacific Islanders
36 20 percent, and African Americans another 12 percent; and

1 WHEREAS, Minorities make up more than one-half of the
2 population of high school students in California, according to the
3 State Department of Education. These high school students will
4 have the opportunity to make a decision about saving lives and
5 joining the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to
6 ensure that their wishes to be organ, eye, and tissue donors are
7 recognized and honored; and

8 WHEREAS, Donate Life California has developed a
9 comprehensive Educator Resource Guide that includes many of
10 the health education content standards for California public schools.
11 This Educator Resource Guide includes lesson plans and
12 educational DVDs about organ, eye, and tissue donation, and the
13 Donate Life California Registry created specifically for the youth
14 population; 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 20, 2015, as
18 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
19 April 2015 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.