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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Members Atkins and Irwin

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House Resolution No. 44—Relative to organ donation.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature has established an official state
2 organ and tissue donor registry that has become the largest in the
3 world, with 13 million people signed up to save and heal the lives
4 of others after death; and

5 WHEREAS, The 10-year official partnership between Donate
6 Life California and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has
7 resulted in 95 percent of the donors on the registry being added
8 by the DMV with a simple checkoff box; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislature has approved the innovative Living
10 Donation California information and referral tool to encourage
11 living kidney donation; and

1 WHEREAS, Our Superintendent of Public Instruction has
2 recognized Donate Life California’s high school education
3 program, which has educated students about organ, eye, and tissue
4 donation for the past six years and is anticipated to be added to
5 the science frameworks; and

6 WHEREAS, The Assembly acknowledges that California has
7 the greatest need for transplantation in the nation with 22,000
8 residents waiting for a second chance at life, representing one in
9 five on the national waiting list; and

10 WHEREAS, The Assembly acknowledges that in 2015, 918
11 Californians became organ donors and 3,417 life-saving transplants
12 were performed in our state. Tragically, 929 people died while
13 waiting due to the shortage of available organs; and

14 WHEREAS, The Assembly sadly acknowledges that in 2015,
15 California had the longest waiting time and most deaths while
16 waiting, and that only 40 percent of Californians sign up as donors;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That in
19 recognition of the month of April as National Donate Life Month,
20 the Assembly proclaims the month of April 2016 as Donate Life
21 California/DMV Month in the State of California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That in doing so, the Assembly encourages all
23 Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ and
24 Tissue Donor Registry by checking “YES!” for organ and tissue
25 donation when applying for or renewing a driver’s license or
26 identification card, or by signing up at
27 www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Assembly underscores its renewed efforts
30 to save more lives through donor registration and calls on all
31 members of the Assembly to consider how best to share news
32 about both the need for organ and tissue donation and actions that
33 can be taken to help their constituents; and be it further

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

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