

**Introduced by Senators Runner and Benoit**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to DMV/Donate Life California Registry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 16, as introduced, Runner. DMV/Donate Life California Registry.

This measure would proclaim April 4, 2009, as DMV/Donate Life California Day and the month of April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month. This measure would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, and blood donation are
- 2 compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized
- 3 in the highest regard; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Nearly 100,000 individuals nationwide and more
- 5 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

1 lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up  
2 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in  
3 need; and

4 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced  
5 by donors of organs, tissue, and blood; and

6 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together  
7 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. More  
8 than 2.5 million Californians have signed up with the  
9 state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure that  
10 their wishes to be an organ and tissue 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 drivers's license or identification card at the Department of Motor  
14 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate  
17 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 4, 2009, as  
18 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and  
19 April 2009 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](http://www.donateLIFecalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org);  
24 and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.