

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 2, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 16

Introduced by Senators Runner and Benoit

(Coauthors: Senators Cox, DeSaulnier, Florez, and Harman)

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 16, as amended, 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

1 WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs,
2 liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight
3 lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up
4 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in
5 need; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together
9 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. More
10 than ~~2.5 million~~ *four million* Californians have signed up with the
11 state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure that
12 their wishes to be an organ and tissue donor are honored; and

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

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate
19 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 4, 2009, as
20 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
21 April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
22 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
23 to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license
24 or identification card, or by signing up at
25 www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
26 and be it further

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