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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More than 116,000 people are currently waiting for  
3 an organ transplant; 21 people will die each day waiting for an  
4 organ, and one person is added to the organ donor waiting list  
5 every 10 minutes; and

6 WHEREAS, One organ donor can save up to eight lives and let  
7 up to 79 people receive organ transplants; a single tissue  
8 donor can save or heal up to 50 people; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 24,000 patients saw their lives saved or  
10 markedly improved in 2014 thanks to organ transplants; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 120 million people in the United States  
12 are signed up to be organ, eye, and tissue donors, which is  
13 approximately 50% of the United States adult population; and

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois should be made aware of  
15 the need for organ donors and that everyone can become a donor,  
16 regardless of age, race, or medical history; and

17 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month takes place every year  
18 in April and features an entire month of local, regional, and  
19 national activities to help encourage Americans to register as  
20 organ, eye, and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have

1 saved lives through the gift of donation; and

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should encourage all  
3 residents 18 years and older to register as an organ donor at  
4 the same time they apply for or renew a driver's license or ID  
5 card; and

6 WHEREAS, Organ Donor Registration Month in the State of  
7 Illinois promotes education and awareness of how citizens can  
8 become donors and the importance of being a donor to help save  
9 lives; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 recognize April 2016 as Organ Donor Registration Month in the  
13 State of Illinois in honor of those who have lost their lives  
14 while waiting on a transplant list, to celebrate the lives of  
15 those who have been saved through organ donation, and to thank  
16 those who have been donors.