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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Organ and tissue donation is a decision that can
3 save and enhance the lives of many people; and

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WHEREAS, The Gift of Hope & Tissue Donor Network is proud
5 to serve as a not-for-profit organ procurement organization
6 that coordinates organ and tissue donation and services to
7 families of donors in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Established in 1986, Gift of Hope has coordinated
9 donations that have saved the lives of more than 20,000 organ
10 transplant recipients and has improved the lives of hundreds of
11 thousands of tissue transplant recipients; and

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WHEREAS, An estimated 5 million people have joined the
13 organ and tissue donor registry in the State of Illinois; more
14 than 5,000 people are waiting on the transplant list and 300 of
15 those will pass away each year while waiting for a life-saving
16 organ; and

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WHEREAS, Gift of Hope provides donor family services and
18 public education and works with 180 hospitals as one of 58
19 organ procurement organizations that make up the nation's organ
20 and tissue donation system; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate November
3 12, 2015 as Gift of Hope Awareness Day in the State of Illinois
4 to increase awareness of the need for organ donation in the
5 State; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Gift of Hope as a symbol of our respect and
8 unwavering support for their cause.