
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 11, 2010, AS WORLD KIDNEY DAY AND APRIL 2010
AS ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, organ donation is the gift of a kidney, heart,
2 lung, liver, pancreas, or other vital organ for medical
3 transplantation to others in serious need; and
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5 WHEREAS, organ transplantation is regarded as a standard
6 medical treatment for a number of medical conditions and
7 diseases, including chronic kidney disease, and thousands of
8 individuals receive life-saving organ transplants each year; and
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10 WHEREAS, survival rates following an organ transplant are
11 impressive; for instance, the one-year survival rate for kidney
12 transplant recipients is almost ninety-six per cent, for heart
13 recipients, over eight-two per cent, and for liver recipients,
14 more than eighty per cent; and
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16 WHEREAS, despite the growing number of successful
17 transplant operations each year, more than one hundred thousand
18 people nationwide remain on the waiting list for an organ, and
19 in Hawaii, approximately three hundred seventy-five seriously-
20 ill people of all ethnic groups are waiting for a liver, kidney,
21 or pancreas transplant; and
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23 WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately sixteen people in need
24 of an organ transplant die every day, and in 2008, sixteen
25 people died in Hawaii while on the organ transplant waitlist;
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28 WHEREAS, the majority of transplant candidates on the
29 transplant waiting list in Hawaii are awaiting a donor kidney,
30 and the majority of the transplant operations performed in
31 Hawaii are kidney transplants; and
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1 WHEREAS, one person's donated vital organs can save up to
2 seven other people's lives who need an organ transplant; and
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4 WHEREAS, persons who wish to become organ donors should let
5 others know their wishes by registering with a state donor
6 registry, saying "yes" to organ donation on their driver's
7 license, telling their family, friends, physicians, and faith
8 leaders that they want to be a donor, or filling out and signing
9 a donor card; and
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11 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, persons may easily register to become
12 organ donors by registering on the Donate Life Hawaii website
13 (www.donatelifehawaii.com); and
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15 WHEREAS, March 11, 2010, is World Kidney Day, organized to
16 raise awareness of kidney disease prevention, promote
17 preventative behavior, and encourage screenings for diabetes and
18 hypertension, both of which contribute to chronic kidney
19 disease; and
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21 WHEREAS, April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month, and
22 in Hawaii it is important to honor those who have saved others
23 by donating their organs and to raise awareness about the
24 importance of organ donation and the need for donor organs; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
30 March 11, 2010, as World Kidney Day; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Hawaii are
33 encouraged to learn more about kidney disease and its risk
34 factors and healthy behaviors that can reduce risk for diabetes
35 and other chronic kidney diseases; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that persons are encouraged to have
38 kidney and cardiovascular health screenings, free of charge, at
39 the Hawaii State Capitol on World Kidney Day; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes
42 April 2010 as Organ Donor Awareness Month in Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Hawaii are
 2 encouraged to learn more about the need for organ donation and
 3 discuss organ donation with their families, physicians, and
 4 religious leaders; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county's driver's
 7 licensing division is urged to cooperate with the Organ Donor
 8 Center of Hawaii to educate the public about organ donation; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local businesses such as gas
 11 companies, electric companies, and cable television companies
 12 are encouraged to provide their customers with educational
 13 materials on organ donation along with their April 2010 billing
 14 statements; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii, the
 17 counties, and other local employers are encouraged to provide
 18 their employees with educational materials on organ donation
 19 along with their paychecks and direct deposit statements in
 20 April 2010; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 24 Comptroller, and the Chairperson of the Public Utilities
 25 Commission, who in turn is requested to distribute copies of
 26 this Concurrent Resolution to the chief executive officer of
 27 each regulated electric company and gas company in the State,
 28 the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs who in turn is
 29 requested to distribute copies of this Concurrent Resolution to
 30 the chief executive officer of each cable television company in
 31 the State, the Director of Finance of each county, the Executive
 32 Director of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii; and the Executive
 33 Director of the Hawaii chapter of the National Kidney
 34 Foundation.

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