THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 55 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY GALLOWAY, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, MADDEN, JAMES, VENKAT, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, TAKAC, BOROWSKI, CERRATO, ROZZI, SANCHEZ AND WARREN, MARCH 30, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 30, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 2	Recognizing the month of April 2023 as "Donate Life Month" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, This Commonwealth strongly supports organ and tissue
4	donation because of its life-saving and life-enhancing
5	opportunities; and
6	WHEREAS, More than 7,000 men, women and children in this
7	Commonwealth are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and
8	WHEREAS, In 2022, 756 generous donors from this Commonwealth
9	gave the gift of life; and
10	WHEREAS, Nearly half of all Pennsylvanians have demonstrated
11	their support of donation by registering as organ, tissue and
12	cornea donors; and
13	WHEREAS, One organ and tissue donor may save up to eight
14	lives, restore sight to two people and heal the lives of 75
15	others; and
16	WHEREAS, People of all ages are considered potential organ

17 and tissue donors; and

1 WHEREAS, The Organ Donation Advisory Committee, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the 2 3 Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth's two organ procurement organizations, the Center for Organ Recovery & 4 Education (CORE) and Gift of Life Donor Program, are committed 5 to saving and restoring the lives of those in need of organ, 6 tissue and cornea transplantation by continuing to increase 7 8 public awareness of the importance of becoming a registered 9 donor; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 11 month of April 2023 as "Donate Life Month" in Pennsylvania; and 12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth consider 14 becoming an organ and tissue donor by placing the organ donor 15 designation on their driver's license or State identification 16 card, or registering online at Donatelifepa.org and sharing this 17 decision with their family.

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