

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 425

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of “National Donate Life Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2014

Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of “National
Donate Life Month”.

Whereas in March 2014, over 118,800 individuals were on
the official waiting list for organ donation managed by
the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network;

Whereas in 2013, 31,422 organs from 14,257 donors (includ-
ing both living and deceased donors) were transplanted
into 28,952 patients, yet 6,123 candidates for transplan-
tation died while waiting for an organ transplant;

Whereas on average, 18 people die every day of every year
while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas over 100,000,000 people in the United States are
registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand
for donated organs still outweighs the supply of organs
made available each day;

Whereas many people do not know about their options for organ and tissue donation, or have not made their wishes clear to their families;

Whereas organ and tissue donation can give meaning to the tragic loss of a loved one by enabling up to 8 people to receive the gift of life from a single deceased donor;

Whereas living donors can donate a kidney or a portion of a lung or liver to save the life of another individual; and

Whereas April is traditionally recognized as “National Donate Life Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Donate Life Month”;

4 (2) supports promoting awareness of organ do-
5 nation;

6 (3) encourages States, localities, and the terri-
7 tories and possessions of the United States to sup-
8 port the goals and ideals of National Donate Life
9 Month by issuing proclamations designating April
10 2014 as National Donate Life Month;

11 (4) commends the generous gift of life provided
12 by individuals who indicate their wish to become
13 organ donors;

14 (5) acknowledges the grief of families facing the
15 loss of a loved one and commends those families
16 who, in their grief, choose to donate the organs of
17 their deceased family member;

1 (6) recognizes the generous contribution made
2 by each living individual who has donated an organ
3 to save a life;

4 (7) acknowledges the advances in medical tech-
5 nology that have enabled organ transplantation with
6 organs donated by living individuals to become a via-
7 ble treatment option for an increasing number of pa-
8 tients;

9 (8) commends the medical professionals and
10 organ transplantation experts who have worked to
11 improve the process of living organ donation and in-
12 crease the number of living donors; and

13 (9) salutes all individuals who have helped to
14 give the gift of life by supporting, promoting, and
15 encouraging organ donation.

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