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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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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33          WHEREAS, one person's donated vital organs can save up to  
34 seven other people's lives who need an organ transplant; and  
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1 WHEREAS, persons who wish to become organ donors should let  
2 others know their wishes by registering with a state donor  
3 registry, saying "yes" to organ donation on their driver's  
4 license, telling their family, friends, physicians, and faith  
5 leaders that they want to be a donor, or filling out and signing  
6 a donor card; and

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8 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, persons may easily register to become  
9 organ donors by registering on the Donate Life Hawaii website  
10 (www.donatelifehawaii.com); and

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12 WHEREAS, March 11, 2010, is World Kidney Day, organized to  
13 raise awareness of kidney disease prevention, promote  
14 preventative behavior, and encourage screenings for diabetes and  
15 hypertension, both of which contribute to chronic kidney  
16 disease; and

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18 WHEREAS, April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month, and  
19 in Hawaii it is important to honor those who have saved others  
20 by donating their organs and to raise awareness about the  
21 importance of organ donation and the need for donor organs; now,  
22 therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2010, that this body recognizes March 11, 2010, as World  
27 Kidney Day; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Hawaii are  
30 encouraged to learn more about kidney disease and its risk  
31 factors and healthy behaviors that can reduce risk for diabetes  
32 and other chronic kidney diseases; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that persons are encouraged to have  
35 kidney and cardiovascular health screenings, free of charge, at  
36 the Hawaii State Capitol on World Kidney Day; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes April 2010  
39 as Organ Donor Awareness Month in Hawaii; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Hawaii are  
42 encouraged to learn more about the need for organ donation and  
43 discuss organ donation with their families, physicians, and  
44 religious leaders; and



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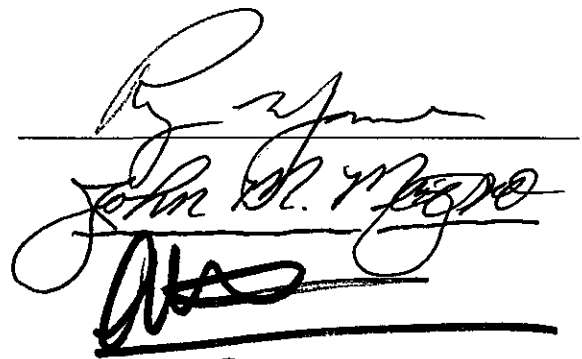
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county's driver's licensing division is urged to cooperate with the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii to educate the public about organ donation; and

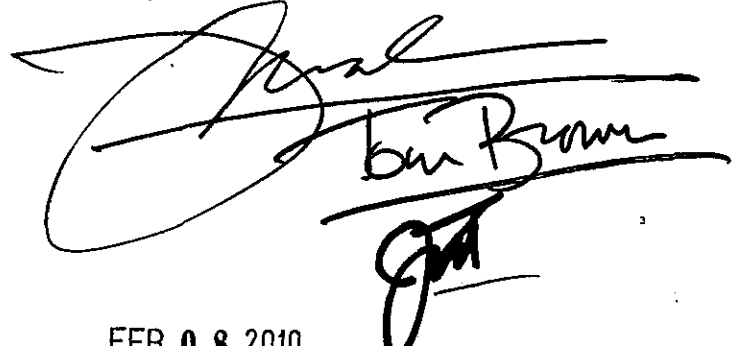
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local businesses such as gas companies, electric companies, and cable television companies are encouraged to provide their customers with educational materials on organ donation along with their April 2010 billing statements; and

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

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

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