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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE-SAVING CONTRIBUTIONS AND
SACRIFICES MADE BY ORGAN AND TISSUE DONORS AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

1 WHEREAS, advancements in medical technology and treatment
2 have enabled us to overcome threats to our health and live
3 longer, healthier lives; and
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5 WHEREAS, innovations in organ and tissue transplant
6 procedures and techniques have helped to save countless lives
7 and improve the quality of life for those in need of such
8 procedures; and
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10 WHEREAS, these procedures are completely dependent on the
11 willingness of individuals to donate their organs and tissue to
12 save others; and
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14 WHEREAS, nationally, over 110,000 people of all ages,
15 including over 400 in Hawaii, sit on waiting lists for life-
16 saving transplants; and
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18 WHEREAS, every 13 minutes another person is added to the
19 national waiting list and every day an average of 17 people
20 perish for lack of an appropriate donor; and
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22 WHEREAS, one donor can enhance the lives of more than 40
23 persons; and
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25 WHEREAS, over the past 12 years, over 1,000 people in
26 Hawaii have benefited from organ and tissue donations; and
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28 WHEREAS, organ and tissue donors serve as exemplary role
29 models and, whether by their own decisions or decisions made by
30 their families, offer to others "Nā Makana Pau 'Ole", gifts
31 without end; and



1 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii and
2 Legacy of Life Hawaii as well as the Hawaii Coalition on
3 Donation have all been steadfast in their support of the Hawaii
4 Donor Family Council and efforts to support donors and donor
5 families; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Donor Family Council has created Hawaii
8 Donor Family Quilts to honor and celebrate those donors whose
9 final gifts live on in others; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Donor Family Council, with the support
12 and encouragement of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana
13 Foundation, has also developed a book entitled Nā Makana Pau
14 'Ole, that focuses on the Hawaii Donor Family Quilts, in living
15 testament to organ and tissue donors; and
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17 WHEREAS, on April 3, the book entitled Nā Makana Pau 'Ole
18 will be officially dedicated to the memory and lives of the
19 donors and their families; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
23 that this body hereby recognizes and honors the contributions
24 and sacrifices made by organ and tissue donors, and their
25 families; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also recognizes the
28 significant contributions and support provided to donors and
29 their families by organizations such as the Hawaii Donor Family
30 Council, the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation, the
31 National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, Legacy of Life Hawaii, and
32 the Hawaii Coalition on Donation; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby encourages the
35 people of Hawaii to register as organ and tissue donors, and to
36 commit to healthy living; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Donor Family Council,
40 the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation, the



1 National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, Legacy of Life Hawaii, and
2 the Hawaii Coalition on Donation.

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