

**No. R-198. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2022 as National Donate Life Month in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.132)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cina of Burlington, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Dolan of Waitsfield, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, LaClair of Barre Town, Leffler of Enosburgh, Morrissey of Bennington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Murphy of Fairfax, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Bethel, Williams of Granby, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Brock, Chittenden, Hardy, Pearson, and Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, since 1988, human organ transplant surgery has enabled 880,000 persons to experience a reinvigorated life, and potential recipients are dependent on the generosity of donors, and

Whereas, over 100,000 Americans are waiting for a human organ donation, and every nine minutes, a new name is added to the list, and

Whereas, tragically, 17 persons die daily while waiting for a donated human organ, and in 2020, this death toll numbered 6,000 people, and

Whereas, the importance of each donation is clear, as one person's human organs, eyes, and tissue can bring new hope to 75 individuals, and

Whereas, in 2003, Donate Life America, in coordination with its partnering organizations, first designated April as National Donate Life Month in order to educate the nation concerning the lifesaving importance of organ donation, and this message remains equally important in 2022, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2022 as National Donate Life Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Donate Life America, and to the Commissioner of Health.