

Substitute for House Resolution No. 27.

A resolution to declare March 2017 as Donate Life Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Many Michigan residents have saved the lives of others and given them new beginnings by donating an organ; and

Whereas, There are currently about 3,592 people in the state of Michigan waiting courageously to receive an organ donation. Fifty-four percent of Michigan adults are on the registry, up from 27 percent in 2010. Nearly 2 million names have been added to the registry since 2011 and 4.1 million names are currently on the donor registry; and

Whereas, It is imperative that all citizens are aware of the opportunity and encouraged to save and enhance the lives of others through organ donation and transplantation; and

Whereas, It is possible to transplant approximately 25 different organs and tissues, such as liver, bone, bone marrow, cartilage, cornea, hearts, kidney, lung, and pancreas; and

Whereas, Organ and tissue donation from one individual can save or enhance the lives of more than 100 people.

Whereas, Families receive comfort in their grief knowing that through organ donation, another person's life has been saved; and

Whereas, Those who choose to donate set an example of undeniable generosity and compassion and this reflects the character of these individuals whose choice saves the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2017 as Donate Life Month in the state of Michigan. We honor the hundreds of individuals across the state saved every year due to receiving an organ transplant.