

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 414**

**WHEREAS,** Through medical expertise and advances in organ and tissue transplants, more lives are being saved, improved, and prolonged than ever before; and

**WHEREAS,** Such transplants are made possible by organ donations from deceased and living persons, a noble act that gives multitudes of recipients a second chance at life; and

**WHEREAS,** The Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas registry, created by the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives in 2005, provides a method for willing donors to record legal consent for organ, eye, and tissue donation, thereby lifting the decision-making burden from families at the time of a loved one's death; and

**WHEREAS,** More than seven million Texans have joined the registry to date, thanks in part to partnerships forged with the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation that enable citizens to sign up during the driver's license, ID, and vehicle registration processes; gratitude for this endeavor is also owed to the tireless public education efforts of the donation community and their passionate volunteers in Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** While the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas registry is a notable step, more work remains to be done to ensure that the wishes of every potential donor are carried out; the wait for a lifesaving organ transplant continues for more than 123,000 people nationwide, 21 of whom are expected to die before this day is over; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals representing the Texas Transplantation Society and the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas registry are united in their mission to educate Texans about the critical and rising need for donors, the transformative impact of donation, and the simple steps that can be taken to register; in 2014, 739 people became organ donors in Texas, resulting in successful transplant operations for 2,600 patients; and

**WHEREAS**, The choice of registering as an organ donor is one that can provide hope beyond measure to men, women, and children in need, and those who have committed to the goal of promoting and facilitating donations truly merit special commendation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 23, 2015, as Donate Life Texas Day at the State Capitol, pay tribute to transplant donors and their families, and encourage all Texans to consider giving the gift of life through organ donation.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 23, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate