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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month is observed each April to  
2 raise awareness of the crucial need for organ, eye, and tissue  
3 donors; and

4 WHEREAS, There are currently some 114,000 men, women, and  
5 children in the United States who are awaiting lifesaving organ  
6 transplants; the demand for donations vastly exceeds the number of  
7 donors, and every 10 minutes, another person is added to the  
8 national transplant waiting list; each year, approximately 8,000  
9 people on this list die before they can receive the transplant they  
10 need; and

11 WHEREAS, Although 95 percent of Americans support organ  
12 donation, only 58 percent are currently registered as donors; it is  
13 estimated that a single donor can save up to eight lives and that  
14 tissue and corneal transplants from one individual have the  
15 potential to restore the health of many more; and

16 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month, which was established by  
17 Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003,  
18 coincides with a host of local, regional, and national activities  
19 to help encourage Americans to register as organ donors; the  
20 observance is also a time to celebrate those who have given the gift  
21 of life; and

22 WHEREAS, Much work remains to be done to increase organ  
23 donation and ensure that the wishes of all potential donors are  
24 carried out, and by taking the simple steps to register as an organ

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1 donor, each Texan has the opportunity to be part of the solution to  
2 this urgent issue; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize April 2020 as National Donate Life  
5 Month and commend all those who are working to promote organ  
6 donation in the State of Texas.