

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

Senators Hertel, McCann, Chang, Shink, Bayer, Daley and Johnson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate April 11, 2024, as Living Donor Day.

2 Whereas, As of February 2024, 103,223 individuals were on the
3 organ donation waiting list managed by the Organ Procurement and
4 Transplantation Network established under section 373 of the Public
5 Health Service Act; and

6 Whereas, On average, 17 people die each day while waiting for
7 an organ donation; and

8 Whereas, In 2023, over 46,000 transplant procedures were
9 performed with organs from over 39,680 deceased donors and over
10 6,950 living donors; and

11 Whereas, As of 2022, 170,000,000 people in the United States

1 are registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand for
2 donated organs outweighs the supply of organs made available each
3 day; and

4 Whereas, A record was set in 2022 for the number of deceased
5 donor organ transplants performed in a single year. For the ninth
6 consecutive year, annual records were set for liver, heart, and
7 lung transplants and kidney transplants exceeded 25,000 for the
8 first year ever; and

9 Whereas, Transplantation is the therapy of choice, or
10 frequently the only option to ease suffering, restore health, and
11 allow patients to lead more productive lives; and

12 Whereas, Modern medicine has progressed to allow exponentially
13 more successful transplant surgeries to be performed; and

14 Whereas, In addition to addressing public health concerns,
15 there are also enormous financial savings to the health care system
16 that can be realized by increasing organ donation and
17 transplantation statewide; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body designate April 11, 2024, as Living Donor Day.