

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 18

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to DMV/Donate Life California Registry.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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This measure would proclaim April 4, 2009, as DMV/Donate Life California Day and the month of April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month. This measure would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, and blood donation are compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized in the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 Californians are currently on the national organ transplant wait list. While about one-third of these patients receive a transplant each year, another one-third die while waiting, due to a shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced by donors of organs, tissue, and blood; and

WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. More than four million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure that their wishes to be an organ and tissue donor are honored; and

WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That in recognition of April as National Donate Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 4, 2009, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2009 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license or identification card, or by signing up at

[www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDACalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDACalifornia.org); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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