

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

Reps. Fox, Hill, Smit, Fink, Beeler, Borton, Zorn, DeBoer, Friske, Slagh, Wozniak, Paquette, Green, DeSana, Rigas, Schmaltz, Maddock, Alexander, St. Germaine, BeGole, Bezotte, Breen, Haadsma, Rogers and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 14, 2023, as National Donor
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, More than 2,500 Michigan residents are currently
4 waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands more would
5 benefit from tissue and corneal transplants; and

6 Whereas, Michigan has about 4.6 million people on the Organ
7 Donor Registry, but more than 42 percent of adults have not yet
8 registered to save and heal others; and

9 Whereas, The need for organ, tissue, and eye donations remains
10 a critical need in both Michigan and the United States; and

1 Whereas, Nationwide, an average of 20 people die each day
2 because a donated organ did not become available; and

3 Whereas, Organ, tissue, and eye donation can provide families
4 that are tragically confronted by the death of a loved one the
5 comfort of knowing that the gift of life provides another person
6 with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

7 Whereas, A single organ, tissue, and eye donation can save
8 eight lives and improve the lives of up to 75 people; and

9 Whereas, The act of giving the gift of life through organ,
10 tissue, and eye donation to someone facing imminent death, or
11 living with blindness or a disability, is the ultimate act of
12 generosity and kindness; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
14 this legislative body declare February 14, 2023, as National Donor
15 Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

16 Resolved, That we encourage all residents to join the Michigan
17 Organ Donor Registry, share their decision with their families,
18 friends, and colleagues, and encourage them to do the same.