

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Assemblymen Gibbons, Von Tobel, Segerblom, Tiffany, Freeman, Parnell, Mortenson, Bache, Lee, Humke, Carpenter, Ohrenschall, Beers, Anderson, Cegavske, Hettrick, Nolan, Leslie, Evans, Thomas, Price, Goldwater, Berman, Buckley and Williams

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging all Nevadans who agreed to donate organs and tissues to direct that their anatomical gifts first be offered to transplant candidates living in Nevada.

WHEREAS, There is a critical shortage of donor organs and tissues available for transplantation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A national survey recently revealed that although 87 percent of the population in the United States support organ and tissue donation, only 50 percent of those surveyed have told a family member or friend about their decision; and

WHEREAS, Four out of five people mistakenly believe that a signed donor card is all that is required for donation and are not aware that the legal next-of-kin must sign a consent form; and

WHEREAS, Even if a person has agreed to donate his organs and tissues, most donors are unaware that it is possible for their donation to be offered first to any transplant candidate living in Nevada under a procedure known as “directed donation”; and

WHEREAS, Without “directed donation,” any donated organ or tissue originating in Nevada is shipped to a procurement agency in California; and

WHEREAS, Because of the overwhelming need of organs and tissues in California, Nevadans often are not able to receive donated organs in a timely fashion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That members of the Legislature of the State of Nevada do hereby urge and encourage all Nevadans to notify family members that they want any organ or tissue donation to be directed first to transplant candidates who are residents of Nevada.

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