

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—ASSEMBLYMEN
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FEBRUARY 14, 2007

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AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ
Donor Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1126)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in
Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to recent statistics, almost 95,000 people
2 in the United States are currently on the waiting list for organ
3 transplants, and each day approximately 77 people receive the
4 transplant that gives them a second chance at life, but 19 others die
5 because not enough organs are available to meet our needs; and
6 WHEREAS, One donor can save up to eight lives by donating
7 organs, and that same donor can greatly enhance the lives of an



1 additional 50 people by donating tissue to be used to restore sight,
2 cover burns, repair hearts, replace veins, and mend damaged
3 connective tissue and cartilage in recipients; and

4 WHEREAS, As a result of the growing need for organs, living
5 donation has become a common alternative, with almost a quarter of
6 all organs coming from living donors; and

7 WHEREAS, Unbeknownst to many, a living donor may donate
8 part of the pancreas, part of a lung, part of the liver, part of the
9 intestine and, most commonly, a kidney; and

10 WHEREAS, People of all ages and medical histories should
11 consider themselves potential donors, as people on the waiting list
12 may need to be transplanted with an organ that is less than ideal if
13 there is no other suitable organ available to save their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada has simplified the process of
15 signing up as a donor by giving Nevadans the option of specifying
16 their wishes on their driver's licenses or state identification cards
17 and by making available on-line a Donor Registration Form for the
18 Donor Registry for the State of Nevada; and

19 WHEREAS, The State has also made available an Organ Donor
20 specialty license plate, from which a portion of the fees support the
21 Gift of Life Education Fund which provides for the production and
22 dissemination of educational materials regarding the importance of
23 tissue and organ donation; and

24 WHEREAS, Giving the "Gift of Life" not only brings hope and
25 healing to the recipients and their families, but also may help ease
26 the grief of the donor's own family by knowing that their tragic loss
27 has helped so many other people; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby
30 designates February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in
31 Nevada to raise public awareness regarding tissue and organ
32 donation and the effect it can have on so many people; and be it
33 further

34 RESOLVED, That, by designating this day, the residents of
35 Nevada are encouraged to take steps to obtain donor cards and to
36 ensure that their wishes concerning tissue and organ donations are
37 made known to their families; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
39 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Donor Network and
40 The Transplant Network.

