

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—ASSEMBLYMEN
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CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP,
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HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO,
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MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE,
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AND WOODBURY

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

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HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, PARKS, RAGGIO,
RHODS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates February 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ
Donor Day in Nevada. (BDR R-638)

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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 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in
Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, According to recent statistics, more than 100,000
2 people 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
8 additional 50 people by donating tissue to be used to restore sight,



1 cover burns, repair hearts, replace veins, and mend damaged
2 connective tissue and cartilage in recipients; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
28 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby
29 designates February 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in
30 Nevada to raise public awareness regarding tissue and organ
31 donation and the effect it can have on so many people; and be it
32 further

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

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

