

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Assemblymen Gansert; Aizley, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Dondero Loop, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Manendo, Mastroluca, McArthur, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegueda, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spiegel, Stewart and Woodbury

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating February 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, According to recent statistics, more than 100,000 people in the United States are currently on the waiting list for organ transplants, and each day approximately 77 people receive the transplant that gives them a second chance at life, but 19 others die because not enough organs are available to meet our needs; and

WHEREAS, One donor can save up to eight lives by donating organs, and that same donor can greatly enhance the lives of an additional 50 people by donating tissue to be used to restore sight, cover burns, repair hearts, replace veins, and mend damaged connective tissue and cartilage in recipients; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada has simplified the process of signing up as a donor by giving Nevadans the option of specifying their wishes on their drivers' licenses or state identification cards



and by making available on-line a Donor Registration Form for the Donor Registry for the State of Nevada; and

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

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

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

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

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

