

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR11163-LG-110 (03/24)

Sponsors: Representatives Folwell, Justice, Wainwright, and Wray (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE TO
2 RECOGNIZE EACH APRIL AS ORGAN DONATION MONTH.

3 Whereas, in 2007, the Heart Prevails legislation was introduced by State
4 Representatives Dale Folwell, Hugh Holliman, Debbie Clary, and William Wainwright and
5 signed into law by Governor Michael F. Easley; and

6 Whereas, the Heart Prevails legislation was supported by the North Carolina
7 Hospital Association, North Carolina Medical Society, North Carolina Hospice, North Carolina
8 Eye and Tissue Bank, North Carolina Funeral Home Examining Board, North Carolina Medical
9 Examiner, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, North Carolina Trial Lawyers, and
10 various organ procurement organizations; and

11 Whereas, in 2008 North Carolina may have had one of the single largest increases in
12 organ donation transplants in the United States; and

13 Whereas, during that same year, the North Carolina Eye Bank reported that there
14 was over a 50% increase in corneal transplants in North Carolina; and

15 Whereas, one tissue donation can save or improve the lives of as many as 50 people,
16 and one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people; and

17 Whereas, by September 2010 more than 218 North Carolinians had given the gift of
18 organ donation but, unfortunately, by October 2010 more than 140 people had died in North
19 Carolina waiting for a lifesaving transplant; and

20 Whereas, as of January 2011, there were more than 3,400 North Carolinians on the
21 waiting list for organ donation; and

22 Whereas, it is imperative that the citizens of this State become aware of the
23 importance of organ donation; Now, therefore,

24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives supports organ donation and
26 encourages the citizens of this State to recognize the month of April of each year as Organ
27 Donation Month.

28 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

