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Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Brown, Sears, Kunze, Brenner, Ryan,
Boggs, Boyce, Strahorn**

A RESOLUTION

Designating Donate Life Month in Ohio, April 2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate April 2016 as Donate Life Month in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, More than 122,000 men, women, and children in the United States, including approximately 3,200 Ohioans, are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplant. Of these, 22 perish each day while waiting for compatible organs to become available; and

WHEREAS, A single person can potentially save the lives of eight people by donating such major organs as the heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, kidneys, and small intestine and improve the lives of more than 50 others through donations of tissues, corneas, veins, skin, and other tissue. Indeed, in 2015, 353 Ohioans have shared the gift of life through organ donation, enabling 1,084 individuals to have a second chance at a healthy future; and

WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Ohioans have made the important decision to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor in the Ohio Donor Registry, and all those that have made this selfless choice show the potential of individuals to have a positive effect on the quality of life in our society. It is our sincere hope that their example will serve as an inspiration for

others; and 23

WHEREAS, The Transplant Games of America will be held in 24
Cleveland, OH in June 2016, showcasing the miracle of 25
transplantation made possible through individuals, both living and 26
deceased, generously sharing the Gifts of Life with others; 27
therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 29
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 30
this Resolution, designate April 2016 as Donate Life Month in Ohio 31
and encourage all Ohioans to take part in appropriate observances; 32
and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 35
media of Ohio. 36