

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1050

By: Stark

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           A Resolution proclaiming April as National Donate  
10   Life Month.

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12           WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred and six thousand people  
13   on the national organ transplant waiting list, and more than six  
14   hundred and forty-five of these individuals are in the State of  
15   Oklahoma and the list is increasing; and

16           WHEREAS, on average, one person is added to the national organ  
17   transplant waiting list every ten (10) minutes, and on average,  
18   twenty-two people die every day because the organs they need are not  
19   available, and

20           WHEREAS, the need for organ donations greatly exceeds the supply  
21   available and will likely increase in the coming years; and

22           WHEREAS, more than one million tissue transplants are done each  
23   year in the United States and the surgical need for tissue has been  
24   steadily rising; and

1 WHEREAS, the need for a more diverse donor pool, including a  
2 variety of racial and ethnic groups, will continue to grow in the  
3 coming years; and

4 WHEREAS, many Americans have indicated a willingness to donate  
5 their organs and tissues but have not discussed this critical matter  
6 with their family members; and

7 WHEREAS, the final decision regarding whether a potential donor  
8 will share the gift of life is often made by surviving family  
9 members regardless of the potential donor's intent; and

10 WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month is both a national  
11 observance to raise awareness of the critical need for organ and  
12 tissue donation, and the most effective way to address this health  
13 crisis is to educate and encourage citizens on ways they can  
14 register to donate.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2022, is hereby proclaimed to be  
18 National Donate Life Month so that someday we all may be able to  
19 provide a fellow Oklahoman a second chance at life.

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