

Senate Resolution 175

By: Senators Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 13, 2025, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, nearly 3,100 Georgians provided the gift of renewed or improved life through
3 organ, eye, and tissue donation during 2024, including 176 who chose to become living
4 kidney donors, saving and improving the lives of tens of thousands through organ, eye, and
5 tissue transplantation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, these generous gifts were facilitated by organ, tissue, and eye recovery and
7 transplant organizations in Georgia that work together to educate the public about the
8 importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation as Donate Life Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia partners with hospitals to support and guide families as
10 they establish their loved one's legacy through organ and tissue donation as well as honors
11 each donor by saving and improving the lives of as many patients as possible; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Transplant Foundation bridges the gap between hope and
13 opportunity by providing financial, educational, emotional, and community support programs
14 and services that enrich the lives of those affected by organ transplantation in the State of
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia and member organizations of Donate Life Georgia
17 encourage individuals to register their decision to save lives by joining the Donate Life
18 Georgia organ, eye, and tissue donor registry while obtaining a driver's license, online at
19 www.DonateLifeGeorgia.org, or when obtaining a hunting or fishing license through the
20 Department of Natural Resources; and

21 WHEREAS, LifeLink of Georgia and member organizations of Donate Life Georgia are
22 working tirelessly to ensure that the nearly 2,900 Georgians currently awaiting an organ
23 transplant receive a second chance at life; and

24 WHEREAS, by celebrating Donor Day at the state capitol and sharing the Donate Life
25 message, we can save and heal more lives and honor donors' legacies of generosity and
26 compassion; and

27 WHEREAS, we recognize those who have given the gift of life, both after death and through
28 living donation; those who have received the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue
29 donation; those who are currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant; and those who died
30 waiting because an organ was not gifted in time.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the selfless individuals and their families who make donation possible as well as
33 the member organizations of Donate Life Georgia for their tireless dedication to educating
34 Georgians about and saving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation and recognize
35 February 13, 2025, as Donor Day at the state capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to LifeLink of
38 Georgia.