THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII S.C.R. NO. 62

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE-SAVING CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES MADE BY ORGAN AND TISSUE DONORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

1 WHEREAS, advancements in medical technology and treatment 2 have enabled us to overcome threats to our health and live 3 longer, healthier lives; and 4 5 WHEREAS, innovations in organ and tissue transplant procedures and techniques have helped to save countless lives 6 7. and improve the quality of life for those in need of such procedures; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, these procedures are completely dependent on the willingness of individuals to donate their organs and tissue to 11 save others; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, nationally, over 110,000 people of all ages, 15 including over 400 in Hawaii, sit on waiting lists for lifesaving transplants; and 16 17 WHEREAS, every 13 minutes another person is added to the 18 19 national waiting list and every day an average of 17 people 20 perish for lack of an appropriate donor; and 21 22 WHEREAS, one donor can enhance the lives of more than 40 23 persons; and 24 25 WHEREAS, over the past 12 years, over 1,000 people in Hawaii have benefited from organ and tissue donations; and 26 27 28 WHEREAS, organ and tissue donors serve as exemplary role 29 models and, whether by their own decisions or decisions made by **30** ° their families, offer to others "Nā Makana Pau 'Ole", gifts without end; and 31



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WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii and 1 2 Legacy of Life Hawaii as well as the Hawaii Coalition on Donation have all been steadfast in their support of the Hawaii 3 Donor Family Council and efforts to support donors and donor 4 5 families: and 6 7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Donor Family Council has created Hawaii Donor Family Quilts to honor and celebrate those donors whose 8 9 final gifts live on in others; and 10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Donor Family Council, with the support 11 and encouragement of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana 12 Foundation, has also developed a book entitled Nā Makana Pau 13 'Ole, that focuses on the Hawaii Donor Family Quilts, in living 14 15 testament to organ and tissue donors; and 16 17 WHEREAS, on April 3, the book entitled Nā Makana Pau 'Ole will be officially dedicated to the memory and lives of the 18 19 donors and their families; now, therefore, 20 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth 22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature hereby 23 24 recognizes and honors the contributions and sacrifices made by 25 organ and tissue donors, and their families; and 26 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature also recognizes the significant contributions and support provided to donors and 28 29 their families by organizations such as the Hawaii Donor Family 30 Council, the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, Legacy of Life Hawaii, and 31 32 the Hawaii Coalition on Donation; and 33 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby encourages the people of Hawaii to register as organ and tissue 35 donors, and to commit to healthy living; and 36 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Donor Family 39 40 Council, the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation, the

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