

By: Senator(s) Harkins

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANUARY 31, 2018, AS  
2 "DONATE LIFE DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" AND ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO WEAR  
3 BLUE AND GREEN TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE  
4 TRANSPLANTATION.

5 WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being  
6 can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Donate Life Mississippi works to educate  
8 Mississippians on the importance of organ donation; and

9 WHEREAS, there are over 1,300 Mississippians and over 115,000  
10 people nationwide currently on the transplant waiting list; and

11 WHEREAS, twenty people in the United States die every day  
12 because a life-saving organ does not become available; and

13 WHEREAS, one individual's organ donation has the potential to  
14 save the lives of eight people, while tissue donation can heal the  
15 lives of more than 50 people; and

16 WHEREAS, only 30% of Mississippians with a driver's license  
17 or state ID are registered as organ and tissue donors; and

18 WHEREAS, Donate Life Mississippi is the official online organ  
19 and tissue donation registry at [www.donatelifems.org](http://www.donatelifems.org), where



20 Mississippians can access information on organ and tissue donation  
21 and share their donation wishes by registering to become organ and  
22 tissue donors; and

23 WHEREAS, Donate Life Mississippi is a union formed by the  
24 Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency, Mid-South Transplant  
25 Foundation, and the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank to promote the need  
26 for organ, eye and tissue donation. This union works in  
27 partnership with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to  
28 increase the number of designated donors by providing  
29 Mississippians easy and secure access to document their decisions  
30 to be organ and tissue donors:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
33 we do hereby designate January 31, 2018, as "Donate Life Day in  
34 Mississippi" and encourage citizens to wear blue and green to  
35 promote the success of organ, eye and tissue transplantation.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
37 Donate Life Mississippi, forwarded to the State Board of Health  
38 for dissemination to the public, and made available to the Capitol  
39 Press Corps.

