

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 247

---

---

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day.

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 247

---

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas more than 70,000 individuals await organ transplants at any given moment;

Whereas another man, woman, or child is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 16 minutes;

Whereas, despite the progress in the last 15 years, more than 10 people per day die because of a shortage of donor organs;

Whereas almost everyone is a potential organ, tissue, and blood donor;

Whereas transplantation has become an element of mainstream medicine that prolongs and enhances life;

Whereas, for the third consecutive year, a coalition of health organizations is joining forces for National Donor Day;

Whereas the first two National Donor Days raised a total of nearly 17,000 units of blood, added over 2,400 potential donors to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, and distributed tens of thousands of organ and tissue pledge cards;

Whereas National Donor Day is America's largest one-day organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation event; and

Whereas a number of businesses, foundations, health organizations, and the Department of Health and Human Services have designated February 12, 2000, as National Donor Day: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3            (1) supports the goals and ideas of National  
4        Donor Day;

5            (2) encourages all Americans to learn about the  
6        importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood  
7        donation and to discuss such donation with their  
8        families and friends; and

9            (3) requests that the President issue a procla-  
10        mation calling on the people of the United States to

1       conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-  
2       grams to demonstrate support for organ, tissue,  
3       bone marrow, and blood donation.

      Passed the House of Representatives February 14,  
2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*