

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Bruckman**

**Introduced: 2/18/92  
Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Designating April 19 - 25, 1992, as "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week"; and  
2 requesting the governor to proclaim an annual "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness  
3 Week."**

**4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**5 WHEREAS there are many Alaskans and thousands of people throughout the world who have  
6 a critical need for human organ and tissue transplants; and**

**7 WHEREAS, despite the generosity of those who have already made the decision to donate their  
8 organs or tissue at the appropriate time, the need still far exceeds the supply of these precious gifts; and**

**9 WHEREAS the families of those who donate are given some comfort in their loss through the  
10 giving of life to others; and**

**11 WHEREAS over 73,000 people nationwide received transplants during the years from 1985  
12 through 1990; and**

**13 WHEREAS over 22,000 people nationwide were still waiting for a transplant according to the  
14 most recently available figures; and**

**15 WHEREAS there still exists a need for greater public awareness of the benefits of organ and  
16 tissue donation and transplantation;**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of April 19 - 25, 1992,  
2 as "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week"; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature respectfully requests the governor to proclaim an  
4 "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week" during an appropriate time period each year, setting the  
5 dates to coincide with a nationally recognized week if there is one; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature encourages the commissioners of the state  
7 departments, with the commissioner of health and social services taking the lead, to make efforts to urge  
8 all residents of the state to participate in observing "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week" by  
9 discussing organ and tissue donation with their families and friends and making their personal decision  
10 about donations known to them.