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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS there still exists a need for greater public awareness of the benefits of

organ and tissue donation and transplantation;

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

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

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