

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 158 (Solache)
As Introduced March 5, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the month of April 2026 as Donate Life Month in the State of California; and, encourages all Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Major Provisions

- 1) The Legislature has established an official state organ and tissue donor registry that has become the largest in the world, with almost 20 million people signed up to save and heal the lives of others after death although there is work to be done with our growing population of over 40 million.
- 2) California has the greatest need for transplantation in the nation, with almost 20,000 residents waiting for a second chance at life.
- 3) 1,853 Californians became organ donors in 2025 and over 4,000 lifesaving transplants were performed in our state that year. Tragically, more than 800 people died while waiting due to the shortage of available organs.
- 4) Donate Life California's vision is that one day all Californians will embrace organ, eye, and tissue donation as their personal responsibility.
- 5) All Californians are encouraged to register with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry by checking "YES!" for organ and tissue donation when applying for or renewing a driver's license or identification card.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Organ, eye, and tissue donation is one of the most powerful acts of compassion a person can give. Across the U.S., more than 104,000 people are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant. Each registered donor has the potential to save up to eight lives and enhance more than 75 through tissue donation. Recognizing the month of April as Donate Life Month will help increase awareness and help save lives.

Arguments in Support

Donate Life California writes in support: "Donate Life California's continued partnership with the Department Motor of Vehicles and newest partnerships with the Franchise Tax Board, California State Universities, California Community Colleges, and Universities of California have provided Californians the power to enroll with the Donate Life California Registry and ensure their wish to be an organ donor is honored. However, there is still much work to be done."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 10-0-0

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

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