

## HANYS RESOLUTION ON ORGAN DONATION

**WHEREAS**, every year, more than 1,500 people in New York State receive kidneys, livers, and hearts that have been donated for transplantation; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for organ donations continues to greatly exceed the supply, with more than 10,000 New York residents currently waiting for organ donations; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has the third-highest need for donors in the United States but the lowest percentage of registered donors; and

**WHEREAS**, one organ donor has the ability to save up to eight lives and impact up to 50 more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healthcare Association of New York State is committed to advancing the health of individuals and communities by providing leadership, representation, and service to healthcare providers and systems across the entire continuum of care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healthcare Association of New York State has supported legislation and has advanced proposals that would improve organ donation efforts, and has promoted the need for organ donation within its workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial that the state enact policies to encourage individuals to consider organ and tissue donation by participating in the New York State Donate Life Registry.

## **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Healthcare Association of New York State is committed to supporting the life-saving efforts associated with this critical community health cause through public awareness, advocacy, and policy initiatives.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Healthcare Association of New York State will continue to work with the Governor, the Legislature, and other key stakeholders to increase awareness of this critical need for organ and tissue donation and support improved donor registry efforts.