

## **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, Healthcare Trustees of New York State is committed to assisting voluntary healthcare trustees to promote the delivery of quality health care to all communities; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare Trustees of New York State has supported legislation and has worked with the Healthcare Association of New York State to advance proposals that would improve organ donation efforts; 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, the Board of Governors of Healthcare Trustees 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.

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