

RESOLUTION NO. 380

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

Introduced: 9/10/07

By Messrs. Carman, Hoblock, Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Burke, Clay, Clenahan, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Ward, Mss. Wiley, Willingham, Barlette, Benedict, Mr. Clouse, Ms. Prentiss and Mr. Tunny:

WHEREAS, According to the United States Government Information on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation, there are 97,025 people on the organ transplant waiting list, and

WHEREAS In New York State, 6,055 are waiting for a kidney, 1,950 are waiting for a liver, 107 people are waiting for a pancreas, 128 people are waiting for a kidney/pancreas, 248 people are waiting for a heart, 189 people are waiting for a lung, 2 people need a heart/lung transplant and 7 people are in need of intestine, and

WHEREAS, The State of New York has the "Donate Life, Pass it On" campaign, which promotes the organ and tissue registry, and

WHEREAS, However, despite these efforts, on average 17 people, a day, die waiting for an organ and every 13 minutes a new name is added to the transplant waiting list, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body is dedicated to raising awareness to the residents of Albany County to this issue, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body is of the opinion that that the more residents who are educated on the importance of organ/tissue donation and transplantation, the more lives will be saved, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Department of Health is to establish an Organ/Tissue Donation and Transplantation Education and Awareness Program within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 9/10/07