

A Resolution Encouraging an Opt-out Organ Donation Program

Respectfully Submitted by Southview High School

1. **Whereas**, The number of people needing a transplant is expected to rise steeply
2. over the next decade due to an aging population and an increase in kidney failure.
3. **Whereas**, scientific advances have resulted in more people being suitable for a transplant.
4. **Whereas**, as of March 14, 2007, 95,407 people were waiting for organs, an approximate 15,000 person increase since 2005.
5. **Whereas**, approximately 70% of these patients will die without ever receiving a donation.
6. **Whereas**, Europe implemented this program and found great success.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the student Congress assembled here to urge states to adopt opt-out organ donation programs instead of opt-in programs.