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Van Roy Urges Wisconsin Residents to Donate Life

MADISON – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) urged Wisconsin residents to become organ donors this April, which is National Donate Life Month. Van Roy said the month-long campaign is the perfect time to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation and encourage individuals to become donors.

“To most people, it’s a quick signature on their driver’s license, but to thousands of patients across the country, organ donation means the difference between life and death,” said Van Roy.

More than 25,000 organ transplants, 46,000 eye transplants and one million tissue transplants are performed in the United States each year. Yet, right now, more than 91,000 people throughout the country, including 1,500 in Wisconsin, are waiting for an organ transplant, and approximately 17 people die every day for lack of organ donations.

“Choosing to become an organ donor is something simple that we can all do to show we care about our fellow human beings,” said Van Roy. “Each of us has the ability to help save another person’s life, to give hope to that person’s loved ones. If it were your mother, father, sibling or child that needed help, wouldn’t you want others to donate?”

According to the Wisconsin Donor Network, individuals of all ages and medical history could be potential organ donors. A person’s medical condition at the time of death will ultimately determine what organs and tissue can be used for donation.

If you would like to learn more about organ donation in Wisconsin, you may contact the Wisconsin Donor Network, the federally designated organ procurement organization for eastern Wisconsin, at 1-800-432-5405, or visit their website at www.wisdonornetwork.org.

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