

# SENATE RESOLUTION 35

(By Senators Helton and Grady)

[Introduced February 12, 2026]

1 Recognizing February 14, 2026, as National Organ Donor Day at the Legislature.

2           Whereas, The State of West Virginia recognizes February 14, 2026, as National Donor  
3 Day, a day to celebrate those who save and heal lives as organ, tissue, and cornea donors; and

4           Whereas, The State of West Virginia honors the memory of Timmy “Bub” Fields, a 15-year-  
5 old student from Nitro, West Virginia. In November of 2024, Timmy tragically passed away. But in  
6 the face of heartbreaking loss, he became a hero through the gift of organ donation – saving five  
7 lives and also becoming a cornea and tissue donor. Timmy’s selfless gift of life serves as a  
8 powerful reminder of the impact organ donation can have and ensures that his legacy will continue  
9 to inspire and bless others; and

10           Whereas, The Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) is the Organ Procurement  
11 Organization serving most of West Virginia; and

12           Whereas, CORE marked a seventh consecutive record-breaking year in 2025 in organ and  
13 tissue donation; and

14           Whereas, In West Virginia, there were 779 organ, tissue, and cornea donors in 2025; and

15           Whereas, More than 100,000 individuals in the United States, including 500 West  
16 Virginians, are currently awaiting a life-saving organ transplant; and

17           Whereas, Every 10 minutes, a person is added to the national transplant registry waiting  
18 list. On average, 17 people in the United States die each day because the needed organ is not  
19 donated in time; and

20           Whereas, One organ donor can save the lives of eight people and heal 75 others; and

1           Whereas, West Virginia encourages all residents to register as an organ, tissue, and  
2 cornea donor online at [donatelifewv.org](http://donatelifewv.org), at their local West Virginia DMV offices, or on their West  
3 Virginia hunting and fishing license application; therefore, be it

4           *Resolved by the Senate:*

5           That the Senate hereby recognizes February 14, 2026, as National Donor Day; and, be it

6           *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to  
7 the family of Timmy Fields.