

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

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WHEREAS consideration for the health and welfare for others is at the heart of Jewish ethics, and

WHEREAS the committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has approved the donation of some organs, and

WHEREAS organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act, since transplantation of organs and tissues is scientifically proven as a way to save the lives of persons with terminal diseases or to improve the quality of lives for the blind, the deaf and others with life-threatening diseases, and

WHEREAS the opportunity to bring healing and hope to an afflicted person by the family of a person who died an otherwise senseless death may provide a deep measure of comfort to said family, and

WHEREAS those who did not receive organ and tissue donations continue to suffer and die due to lack of consent for donation, due primarily to poor awareness and lack of an official direction from their religious leaders,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rabbinical Assembly affirms the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, and thereby encourages all Conservative Jews to become enrolled as organ and tissue donors by signing and carrying cards or driver's licenses attesting to their **commitment of such** organs and tissues upon their deaths to those in need.