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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 834, L.D. 2234, Bill, "An Act to Designate December 3rd as Kate James Day"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Designate December 3rd as Organ Donor Awareness Day'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §137 is enacted to read:

§137. Organ Donor Awareness Day

December 3rd is designated as Organ Donor Awareness Day, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State of Maine to observe the day with appropriate activity. The first annual Organ Donor Awareness Day will commemorate the life of Kate James, who was born December 3, 1980 and who passed away March 6, 1999 at 18 years of age while awaiting a double lung transplant. The observance is created to make Maine citizens aware of the importance of donating organs. In each subsequent year, the Governor, in consultation with Maine organ donation agencies and organizations, shall designate an organ donor, recipient or listed individual to be recognized on that year's Organ Donation Awareness Day.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

P. 015

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The Office of the Governor will incur some minor additional
costs to issue an annual proclamation. These costs can be
absorbed within the office's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment replaces the original bill by establishing
December 3rd as Organ Donor Awareness Day. It requires that the
first annual Organ Donor Awareness Day be observed in honor of
18 the memory of Kate James, who passed away while awaiting a lung
transplant. The amendment also requires that the Governor
designate an individual to be recognized on Organ Donor Awareness
20 Day in each subsequent year.