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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

**SJR-28**, sponsored by Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-Mercer) and John S. Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), designates the third full week in April in each year as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week" and urges the citizens of New Jersey to observe the week with appropriate activities and programs. The resolution is intended to highlight the critical need for organ and tissue donation, which saved and improved the lives of several hundred state residents last year.

**SJR-44**, sponsored by Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Shirley K. Turner (D-Mercer) and Assembly Members Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) and Barbara Wright (R-Mercer/Middlesex), designates April as "Women's Wellness Month" in New Jersey to urge and empower women to take routine and crucial steps necessary to maintain and improve their health. The resolution states that the primary causes of death and disability among women in the state (heart disease, breast cancer, cervical cancer and osteoporosis) are preventable through early detection and changes in health habits. The resolution calls upon all public agencies and private businesses who employ or serve women to support women as they seek to improve their health.