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FOREWORD

The Surgeon General's Workshop on Increasing Organ Donation held in July 1991 was a response to the critical need to raise donation levels. The workshop brought together approximately 125 individuals from very diverse backgrounds including medicine, nursing, law, bioethics, hospital administration, public relations, and funeral homes. Other participants included transplant recipients, lawmakers, social workers, members of donor families, and representatives of national health associations. Minority groups were also represented.

After two days of careful thought and discussions, the participants submitted a list of recommendations on how to increase donation levels. Those recommendations are presented in this document. A companion publication contains the background papers written specifically for this workshop.

It is my sincere hope that these publications, representing the collective thoughts of some of the best minds in the transplant field, will motivate more people to promote organ donation and confirm the efforts of those already fighting for this important cause. Most important, I hope that the results of this workshop and the ensuing implementation of the recommendations will translate into a second chance at life for all who await donor organs.

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