



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Concurrent Resolution

# 6005

*Introduced by: Representative Derby*

**1    A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting January as National Blood Donor Month.**

**2    WHEREAS, a blood transfusion occurs every two seconds in the United States; and**

**3    WHEREAS, despite this need, only three percent of the eligible population chooses to**  
**4    donate blood; and**

**5    WHEREAS, type O blood is often used in trauma situations, making it the most needed**  
**6    blood type and the most likely to be in short supply; and**

**7    WHEREAS, every day, cancer patients, burn victims, newborn babies and their mothers,**  
**8    transplant recipients, surgery patients, individuals chronically suffering from sickle-cell**  
**9    disease or from thalassemia, and countless others may require blood transfusions to survive;**  
**10   and**

**11   WHEREAS, the need for a diverse supply of blood is constant, even when the supply is**  
**12   not, which means all blood donors' efforts are critical for ensuring patients' needs are met;**  
**13   and**

**14   WHEREAS, more than fifty-five years ago, January was designated as National Blood**  
**15   Donor Month, at a time when blood supplies were historically low, to annually recognize and**  
**16   honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to donate blood;**

**17   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred**  
**18   First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that National**  
**19   Blood Donor Month is recognized in the State of South Dakota, and that citizens are urged to**  
**20   celebrate the cause of blood donation and to recognize volunteer blood donors for their**  
**21   generous, life-saving gifts; and**

1        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all eligible blood donors are urged to donate regularly,  
2        and that businesses and organizations throughout the state are encouraged to sponsor  
3        community blood drives to provide citizens the opportunity to give.