



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.