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Whereas, we read in the Holiness Code of Vayikra (chapter 19), "You shall be holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You shall not insult the deaf, or put a stumbling block before the blind. You shall not render an unjust decision; do not be partial to the poor or show deference to the rich; judge your neighbor fairly. Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor. You shall not hate your brother in your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord;"

Whereas, we learn from, "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor," that we are commanded to save someone's life; and

Whereas, we are taught from "Love your neighbor as yourself," that we should extend ourselves towards others as we hope they would extend themselves to us when we need them; and

Whereas, there are too many people who die unnecessarily because of a lack of human organs that are donated, or suffer because of a lack of donated human organs and bone marrow; and

Whereas, every year the donated blood supply reaches low levels;

Now therefore, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association commits itself to teaching and encouraging those we come into contact with in our rabbinate to become potential human organ donors, to register as possible bone marrow donors, and to give blood every 58 days.