



Connecticut

**National Donate Life Month Proclamation
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WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts a human being can bestow on another is the 'gift of life' through organ and tissue donation;

WHEREAS, more than 110,000 men, women and children wait for a life-saving organ transplants, of which over 1,200 reside in Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the need for organ and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes;

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 19 Americans die daily due to a the lack of available organs;

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives, donation of tissues and eyes can save and enhance the lives of more than 50 others;

WHEREAS, over one million Connecticut residents have registered their decision with the Connecticut DMV Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored;

WHEREAS, Connecticut residents can designate their wishes to be a donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards or registering online at www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org;

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the Month of April is hereby proclaimed "**DONATE LIFE CONNECTICUT MONTH**" in the Town of East Haven and in doing so we encourage all Connecticut residents to say "YES" to donation to Save Lives.