



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, there is an ever-increasing need, both nationally and locally, for donated organs and tissue that can save lives, give hope and restore health; and

WHEREAS, donating organs, tissue and corneas is a kind and compassionate act that can protect and enhance the precious gift of life; and

WHEREAS, during National Donate Life Month, we recognize the generosity of donors and raise awareness of the importance of donating; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been great progress in this important effort, and the rate of organ donation has steadily increased - helping to save thousands of lives. Despite this success, nearly 5,000 New Jersey residents, and more than 120,000 people nationally, await organ transplants and another person is added to the transplant waiting list every 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that New Jerseyans learn about organ, tissue, blood and cornea donation and discuss this important health issue with their families and their doctor; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents who wish to become organ and tissue donors can register with the state's donor registry and designate their intent on their driver's license; and

WHEREAS, every human life holds inherent dignity and matchless value, it is critical that New Jersey residents consider becoming donors and share their wishes with their loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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DONATE LIFE MONTH**

in New Jersey and urge healthcare professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups and private organizations to help raise awareness of the urgent need for organ and tissue donors throughout our State.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of April in the year two thousand fourteen, the two hundred thirty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

  
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