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## NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH APRIL 2025 PROCLAMATION 2025-03

**Whereas**, One of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

**Whereas**, More than 104,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,000 reside in Georgia; and

**Whereas**, 48,149, a record number of transplants, occurred in the calendar year 2024 thanks to the generosity of 24,018 deceased and living donors, of which 1,268 transplant patients and 642 deceased and living donors, also a record number, were from Georgia; and

**Whereas**, More than 2.5 million people throughout the country and in Georgia benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

**Whereas**, The need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes and millions more could experience improved quality of life through tissue transplantation; and

**Whereas**, The critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 20 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and

**Whereas**, Organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

**Whereas**, Donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we City citizens can perform; and

**Whereas**, Nearly than 3.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at [www.donatelifegeorgia.org](http://www.donatelifegeorgia.org), when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office, or when getting a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; and

**Whereas**, LifeLink® of Georgia, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia, with a vision to maximize the gift of life while giving hope to donor families and transplant patients and mission to honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation; and

**Whereas**, City supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink® of Georgia; now

**Therefore, I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH in Dallas, Georgia In City, to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at [donatelifegeorgia.org](http://donatelifegeorgia.org), to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Seventh Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the City of Dallas, Georgia.**

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**Mayor L. James Kelly**