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NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH APRIL 2026 PROCLAMATION 2026-04

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

Whereas, More than 109,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ Transplants; and

Whereas, More than 4,700 Georgians are actively awaiting a kidney, pancreas, heart and/or liver transplants. More than 109,000 men, women and children are waiting for organ transplants. Thousands more could benefit from tissue transplantation; and

Whereas, Every year, more than 33,000 men, women and children receive the gift of a lifesaving organ transplant. Most of those individuals return to normal, active lives, and they certainly enjoy a second chance to make memories and celebrate milestones with family and friends. Many transplant recipients work, raise families and positively impact their community thanks to the gift of life; 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, Tens of thousands of organ transplants and hundreds of thousands of tissue transplants have occurred as a result of efforts by LifeLink and thanks to the generosity of donors and their families; and

Whereas, Individuals can join the National Donate Life Registry at www.RegisterMe.org. In addition, iPhone users can also register via their phone's Health app. Individuals already on a state registry can also join the national registry, but it is not necessary to ensure one's donation wishes are honored as both are legally binding. At the time of death, if organ and/or tissue donation is an option the recovery organization will check both state and national donor registries; 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 2026 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, 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 Sixth Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the City of Dallas, Georgia.

Mayor L. James Kelly