

PROCLAMATION



"DONATE LIFE MONTH"

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

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,000 reside in 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 8 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 16 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and

WHEREAS, nearly than 3.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org; and

WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Georgia is the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia, with a vision to honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Annalee Sams, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as **"DONATE LIFE MONTH"** in Dalton and encourage all residents to sign up on Georgia's organ and tissue donor registry.

PROCLAIMED, this 7th day of April, 2025.

Annalee Sams, Mayor