



# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING APRIL AS NATIONAL 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**, sixteen people die every day because an organ is not available in time 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 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 16 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and
  - **WHEREAS**, organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families with 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 County citizens can perform; and
  - **WHEREAS**, more 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**, Effingham County supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink® of Georgia; and
  - **NOW, THEREFORE**, Effingham County do hereby proclaim April 2025 as National Donate Life Month

Presented on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025



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