



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

***DONATE LIFE MONTH
April 2018***

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania strongly supports organ and tissue donation because of its life-saving and life-enhancing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, 2,198 organ transplants were performed in the commonwealth in 2017, yet almost 8,000 men, women, and children in Pennsylvania are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of people say they support organ donation, but only 47 percent of Pennsylvanians have demonstrated it by registering as donors; and

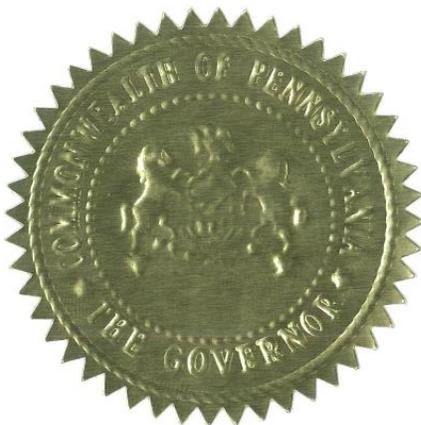
WHEREAS, one organ and tissue donor may save up to eight lives, restore sight to two people and enhance the lives of 75 others; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages are considered potential organ and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, the Organ Donation Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania departments of Health, Education and Transportation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's two organ procurement organizations, Center for Organ Recovery & Education and Gift of Life Donor Program, are committed to enhancing the lives of those in need of organ and tissue transplantation by continuing to increase public awareness of the importance of becoming a registered donor.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as DONATE LIFE MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor by placing the organ donor designation on their driver's license or state identification card, or registering online at <http://donatelifepa.org> and sharing this decision with their family.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twentieth day of March two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor