

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE" MONTH

April 1-30, 2013

Whereas: Realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE" MONTH observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, "NATIONAL DONATE LIFE BLUE AND GREEN DAY" on April 19th, 2013, represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness; and

Whereas: The transplantation of organs and tissues is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently, there are nearly 5,000 New Jersey residents and over 115,000 Americans awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations; and

Whereas: Every capable person should support this vital effort by learning more about donating tissue and organs, registering as organ and tissue donors, making their families aware of their wishes, and be willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need; and

Whereas: Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and

Whereas: As Mayor of Princeton, I recognize NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE MONTH" and "NATIONAL BLUE AND GREEN DAY" as a great opportunity to join in the fight to save lives by giving the greatest gift.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Liz Lempert, do hereby proclaim April
as:

"DONATE LIFE" MONTH

In Princeton, New Jersey, and I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE" MONTH observance.

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