

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

DONATE LIFE MONTH

April 2019

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

WHEREAS, more than 7,000 men, women and children in Pennsylvania are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, 951 generous donors from the commonwealth gave the gift of life in 2018; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all Pennsylvanians have demonstrated their support of donation by registering as organ, tissue and cornea donors; and

WHEREAS, one organ and tissue donor may save up to eight lives, restore sight to two people and heal 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, the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) and Gift of Life Donor Program, are committed to saving and restoring the lives of those in need of organ, cornea 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 2019 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, on this eighteenth day of March two thousand and nineteen, and of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-third.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor