



Donate Life Month Proclamation – April 2023

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

National Donate Life Month 2023: Make a Splash for Donate Life Month! For National Donate Life Month (NDLM) 2023, Donate Life America was inspired by the natural world of a pond coming to life in the spring. Frogs (and toads!) are a sign of healing and renewal, and water lilies represent hope. The lil

WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life through organ, eye and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 108,000 children and adults await lifesaving transplants, of which more than 1,300 are in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we are losing an average of 20 lives every day due to the lack of organs available for transplantation because every 10 minutes, another name is added to the national transplant waiting list, and

WHEREAS, according to national research conducted by Donate Life America, more than 90 percent of Americans support donation and more than 54 percent of South Carolinians have registered at the DMV; and

WHEREAS, the decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives and tissue donation can enhance many more -- men, women, and children who depend on the generosity and sacrifice of others to receive a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, every person should support this life saving effort by learning more about organ, eye and tissue donation, making their families aware of their wishes and registering online at www.DonateLifeSC.org, or when they receive or renew their South Carolina driver's license; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Christie Rainwater, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Hanahan, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as Donate Life Month in the City of Hanahan.

Duly done this the 18th day of April 2023.

Christie Rainwater, Mayor

Emily Huff, Clerk of Council