



In the Name and by the Authority of
THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, April is National Donate Life Month, a time to celebrate the generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, eye, and tissue donors and to encourage more people to follow their example; and

WHEREAS, 108,000 people, including more than 3,000 Ohioans, are waiting for the gift of a lifesaving transplant in the United States, and 20 people die every day because that gift did not arrive in time; and

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can heal more than 75 people; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Donor Registry is managed by the state of Ohio through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV); and

WHEREAS, the state's organ, eye and tissue recovery agencies are the only groups with access to the registry, which is used to verify the donation decision of individuals upon their death; and

WHEREAS, the BMV works with Donate Life Ohio, a coalition of the state's organ, eye, and tissue recovery agencies to educate Ohioans about the need for donors; and

WHEREAS, anyone age 15½ or older who holds a valid Ohio driver's license, learner's permit, or state ID card can authorize the donation of their organs, corneas, and tissue by joining the Ohio Donor Registry; and

WHEREAS, to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, Ohioans can visit www.donatelifehio.org or register at a BMV license agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Donate Life Ohio facilitated a record number of donations for the third consecutive year when more than 500 donors shared the gift of life through organ donation, resulting in more than 1,400 lifesaving organ transplants, and more than 4,000 people shared the gift of healing and sight through tissue and cornea donation; and

WHEREAS, April 16 is National Donate Life Blue and Green Day – a chance to boost awareness by wearing Donate Life colors; and

WHEREAS, we encourage Ohioans to talk to their families about their decision to be a donor, register their decision in the Ohio Donor Registry, and raise awareness about the lifesaving and healing impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

DONATION DECISION DAY

on this 16th day of April 2021.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor