



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, organ, tissue and cornea donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need;

WHEREAS, more than 123,000 individuals nationwide and over 1,200 in Connecticut are currently on the national organ transplant waitlist, and every 80 minutes one person dies waiting for a donated organ;

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissues and eyes can save and enhance the lives of over 50 people;

WHEREAS, over one million Connecticut residents have joined Connecticut Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure their decision to be organ and tissue donors are honored;

WHEREAS, Connecticut residents can designate their wishes to be a donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards or by visiting www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org;

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canton Board of Selectmen designate the month of April 2015 as "Donate Life Month" in the Town of Canton, Connecticut and by doing so, we encourage all Connecticut residents to say "YES" to donating life.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 30th day of March 2014.

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectmen