



## A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

### In Recognition of National Donate Life Month April 2024

- Whereas:** one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and
- Whereas:** more than 100,000 men, women, and children await lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,000 reside in Georgia; and
- Whereas:** the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes and millions more could experience improved quality of life through tissue transplantation; and
- Whereas:** the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 20 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and
- Whereas:** organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and
- Whereas:** donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we Smyrna citizens can perform; and
- Whereas:** more than 3.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at [www.donatelifegeorgia.org](http://www.donatelifegeorgia.org), when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office, or when getting a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources; NOW
- Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as DONATE LIFE MONTH in Smyrna, Georgia, to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 8th day of April in the year of Our Lord 2024.*

*Derek Norton*

Mayor

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