



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DONATE LIFE MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National Donate Life Month, recognized annually in April, was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003 to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors and to celebrate those who have saved lives through the gift of donation; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 2017, more than 116,000 men, women, and children are on the national transplant waiting list; it is estimated that another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, and approximately 20 people die each day waiting for a transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,900 patients in North Carolina are waiting for a transplant, while more than 4.4 million North Carolinians are registered donors; and

**WHEREAS**, although 95 percent of adults in the United States support organ donation, only 54 percent are actually registered as donors; and

**WHEREAS**, one donor has the potential to help save up to 8 lives with the contribution of organ, eye, and tissue donation; in 2016, more than 33,500 transplants brought new life to patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages all families and individuals in our communities to consider giving the precious gift of life by becoming registered organ, eye, and tissue donors;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as **"DONATE LIFE MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.