

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DONATE LIFE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month (NDLM), recognized annually in April, was instituted by Donate Life America and its partner organizations in 2003 to help raise awareness and promote greater understanding of the life-saving benefits of organ, eye, and tissue donation, and to celebrate those who have saved lives through this gift of donation; and


WHEREAS, the median number of transplants taking place every day in the United States is 81; however, with another person added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, on average 22 people die every day because a transplant did not become available in time; and

WHEREAS, more than 120,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant in the United States today, including over 2,800 North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to being a healthy community and supporting all of its citizens in leading productive, and successful lives, and asks that all citizens consider giving the precious gift of life by becoming a registered organ, eye, and tissue donor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, 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 sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.