



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DONATE LIFE MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, organ, eye, and tissue donations are life-giving acts of compassion to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 113,000 individuals nationwide and more than 3,000 in North Carolina are currently on the national transplant waiting list; approximately 22 people die each day while waiting for a transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 95 transplants take place every day in the United States but another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, a donation can save the lives of 8 people and heal 75 or more transplant recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, providing facts and dispelling myths are key to helping people make informed decisions about becoming donors and increasing the number of people who sign up as donors; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 5 million North Carolinians have signed up with the state authorized Donate Life North Carolina registry; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolinians can personally authorize their donation when applying for or renewing their licenses or ID cards at the Department of Motor Vehicles, online at [donatelifenc.org/register](http://donatelifenc.org/register), or through a paper form; and

**WHEREAS**, National Donate Life Month was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnership organizations in 2003 and is recognized annually to raise awareness and promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of organ, eye, and tissue donation and to help celebrate those who have saved lives through the gift of donation; and

**WHEREAS**, health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations can advocate to boost the number of organ, eye, and tissue donors throughout North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to supporting all people in leading healthy, productive, and successful lives, and encourages residents 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, 2019, 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 first day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.