



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003 to promote a greater understanding of the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissues is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants. There are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 100,000 Americans awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by learning more about donating tissue and organs, registering as organ and tissue donors, making their families aware of their wishes, and be willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need. Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local motor vehicle commission or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Red Bank Borough Council, do hereby recognize National Donate Life Month and National Blue and Green Day on April 12, 2024, as a great opportunity to join in the fight to save lives by giving the greatest gift.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and the Red Bank Borough Council, urge all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the National Donate Life Month observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of April 2024.

A blue ink signature of the name "William Portman" over a horizontal line.

William Portman, Mayor