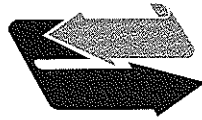


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March 1, 2012

Chairman Judy Bailey
Chairman, District 1
County Courthouse
201 N. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2221

Dear Chairman Bailey:

April is designated nationally as Donate Life Month and provides a special opportunity for members of our community to honor and celebrate organ and tissue donors and the miracle of transplantation. We respectfully request that a proclamation be issued recognizing Donate Life Month in Gordon County, Georgia. This proclamation may be presented during a County Commission Meeting in April at your convenience, and we will gladly have an organ transplant recipient, transplant candidate, donor family member, or LifeLink® of Georgia staff member available to accept the proclamation.

Currently, 4.1 million Georgians have designated their decision to be a life-saving organ and tissue donor on the Donate Life Georgia donor registry. Organ donation is accepted by all major religions, there is no cost to the donor's family for organ and/or tissue donation, and one person has the potential to save up to 60 people. Nationally, there are more than 113,000 people listed on the organ transplant waiting list; 18 people die daily because their much needed organ does not become available in time.

Through public education and action such as proclaiming April as Donate Life Month in Gordon County, Georgia, thousands of lives can be saved or enhanced. With your help, we will continue to bring this life-saving message to the citizens of Gordon County, Georgia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kaysha M. Cranon
Public Affairs Coordinator

Enclosure: Proclamation
Brochure



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National Donate Life Month Proclamation

Gordon County, Georgia PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 113,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 3,400 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 18 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 **Gordon County, Georgia** citizens can perform; and

WHEREAS, **25,002** citizens of **Gordon County, Georgia** have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org; and

WHEREAS, **LifeLink® of Georgia** is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

WHEREAS, **Gordon County, Georgia** supports **LifeLink® of Georgia's** life-saving mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Judy Bailey, Chairman, District 1, in Gordon County, Georgia**, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

In **Gordon County, 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 at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation

On This day, ____ of April 2012



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