



National Donate Life Month Proclamation

Gordon County, 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 121,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 5,590 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 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 22 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** citizens can perform; and

WHEREAS, more than 4.7 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org or when getting or renewing their driver license or state identification card at a driver license office; 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** supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink® of Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Rebecca Hood in Gordon County**, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

In **Gordon County**, 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 March 2017



A Donate Life Organization