



## 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 113,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 5,100 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 4.8 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at [www.donatelifegeorgia.org](http://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, **Chairman Rebecca Hood, Gordon County**, do hereby proclaim April 2019 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](http://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 2019

*A Donate Life Organization*



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*"With Your Help, Life Goes On..."*

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February 21, 2019

Chairman Rebecca Hood  
Gordon County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 580  
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To the Honorable Chairman Rebecca Hood,

April is National Donate Life Month, an opportunity to share information about the need for organ and tissue donation in your community. LifeLink® of Georgia, the state's federally designated nonprofit organ and tissue recovery organization, seeks a proclamation from your County designating April as "Donate Life Month!"

In Georgia, over 5,400 people are awaiting a transplant. One donor can impact as many as 75 lives. There are more than 116,000 men, women, and children in the United States on the organ transplant waiting list; twenty-two (22) individuals will die each day because a much-needed organ does not become available in time.

Through public education and efforts to increase organ donation such as this proclamation, thousands of lives can be improved, lives like those whose stories are told in the enclosed LifeLink annual report/2019 calendar.

As a part of your proclamation process, please let us know if your County would be interested in providing donor outreach and education to your employees or community at any point during the year. We are more than willing to offer input and assistance, staff a table at an employee or community health fair or provide donation education materials to be distributed via email, newsletter or other method; however, we understand if you can only provide a proclamation. Our organization would ask that the proclamation be mailed to the attention of Julette Taylor, at LifeLink of Georgia, 2875 Northwoods Parkway, Norcross, Georgia, 30071, but in the event, you would like the proclamation accepted in person, please email us at [julette.taylor@lifelinkfound.org](mailto:julette.taylor@lifelinkfound.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Krouse  
Director, Public Affairs  
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Enclosure:

2019 LifeLink of Georgia Calendar



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