

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life, and nationally, April has been designated as **Donate Life Month** to recognize organ and tissue donors, and bring awareness to the miracle of transplantation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 42,000 Americans receive a lifesaving organ transplant every year, and approximately 115,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, with nearly 4,900 of those waiting in the West and Southwest Florida area; and

**WHEREAS**, a new patient is added to the national patient waiting list for an organ transplant approximately every ten minutes, and an average of 20 people die every day awaiting an organ transplant that did not arrive in time; and

**WHEREAS**, just one organ, tissue, and eye donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of as many as 75 individuals, profoundly impacting each recipient, bringing a renewed quality of life and joy to them and their loved ones, and more than 2.5 million people throughout the nation and in the state of Florida benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone is a potential organ, tissue, and eye donor regardless of age, race or medical history, and people can register their wish to save lives through Florida's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry at the [www.DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://www.DonateLifeFlorida.org) website, or on their driver license or state identification card, and more than 12 million Floridians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life; and

**WHEREAS**, **LifeLink Foundation of Tampa** is a non-profit community service organization dedicated to honoring donors and saving lives through organ and tissue transplant and its values include *Compassion, Excellence, Legacy, People, and Quality*, and the City of Tampa supports its lifesaving mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

## ***"DONATE LIFE MONTH"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, in honor of all those who have made the decision to give life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ donation and to encourage all Tampa Bay residents to consider giving life through organ donation by signing up on the Florida's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry when renewing their driver's license or state identification card.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor