

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, two of Tampa's finest, Officer Jeff Kocab and Officer Dave Curtis gave the gift of life as organ and tissue donors in 2010; and

WHEREAS, more than 28,000 Americans receive a lifesaving organ transplant every year and more than 110,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which approximately 890 are in the West and Southwest Florida area; and

WHEREAS, a new patient is added to the national patient waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, an average of 18 people die every day awaiting an organ transplant that did not come in time; and

WHEREAS, one organ, tissue and eye donor can save or enhance the lives of as many as 60 people. Everyone is a potential organ, eye and tissue donor and can register their wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org or on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, LifeLink Foundation of Tampa is a non-profit community service organization dedicated to the recovery and transplantation of an increasing number of organs and tissues for transplant therapy and the City of Tampa supports their lifesaving mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2011 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 and to sign up on Florida's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry when renewing their driver's license or state identification card.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

City of
Tampa
Florida