

WHEREAS; observed every April, National Donate Life Month highlights the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation, encourages Americans to register as donors, and honors those who have saved lives through the gift of donation; and

WHEREAS; according to the Health Resources and Services Administration, every organ donor can save up to eight lives and positively impact over 75 more through tissue and cornea donation; and

WHEREAS; currently, there are more than 1,400 Wisconsinites—and more than 100,000 people nationwide—on the national waitlist for an organ transplant, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and every day, an average of 17 people die waiting for a transplant; and

WHEREAS; nearly every person in Wisconsin has the potential to be a hero and can register to be an organ, tissue, and eye donor online or at their local Division of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS; according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, over 48,000 organ transplants occurred in 2024, a 3.3 percent increase from the year before and more than 23 percent increase since 2020, which is a testament to the life-saving work of organ procurement organizations and countless registered organ donors across the country; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin honors the nearly three million registered organ, tissue, and eye donors across the state for their generosity and encourages all eligible Wisconsinites to register as donors, support local blood drives, and give the gift of life through donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

**NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State