

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010

Donate Life Month

Whereas, In 2009, record numbers were achieved again in Michigan with 288 organ donors and 880 tissue donors aiding in saving the lives of 864 people through organ transplants and tissue surgeries; and,

Whereas, Last year, over 1,097 corneas were transplanted to Michigan citizens, helping restore their vision and allowing them to experience an enhanced lifestyle and well-being; and,

Whereas, Unfortunately for most, an organ is never received; on average, four of Michigan's citizens die each week due to an organ not being readily available for transplant; and,

Whereas, The number of Michigan citizens anxiously awaiting their opportunity for an organ transplant remains at more than 3,000 people; and,

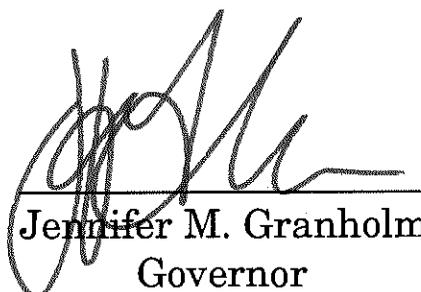
Whereas, Greater awareness through discussions with our friends and family about the need for organ, tissue, and eye donation is essential if we are to increase the number of names on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry; and,

Whereas, By enrolling in the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, Michigan residents can obtain a heart donor sticker and place that sticker on the front of their driver's license or state ID card, which identifies them as a donor; and,

Whereas, Organ, tissue, and eye donation can provide families who are tragically confronted by the death of a loved one the comfort of knowing the gift of a donated organ and/or tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and,

Whereas, Giving life through organ, tissue, and eye donation to someone facing imminent death or living with blindness or a disability is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we, as Michigan citizens, can perform;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2010 Donate Life Month in Michigan. I encourage all citizens to demonstrate their giving spirit by recognizing the importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation and to sign-up to become a donor on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor