



By becoming an organ, tissue and cornea donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than seventy-five people. During National Donate Life Month, we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors, donor families and living donors, and recognize the commitment of researchers, innovators, champions, national partners and medical professionals who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation.

WHEREAS, 114,000 individuals in the United States, including more than 500 in West Virginia, are currently on the national transplant waiting list and;

WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every ten minutes, and on average, twenty-two people die every day because the organs they need are not donated in time and;

WHEREAS, Organ donation decisions are made by individual donor designations on a driver's license or state identification card. On driver's licenses and photo ID cards in West Virginia, the symbol for medicine, a caduceus, appears on the front of the card and;

WHEREAS, recognizing National Donate Life Month fosters greater public understanding of donation and transplant, offers hope to those waiting, and honors the truest heroes of donation—the donors and their families and;

WHEREAS, the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) is one of 58 federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) in the United States. CORE works closely with donor families and designated health care professionals to coordinate the surgical recovery of organs, tissues and corneas for transplantation. CORE also facilitates the computerized matching of donated organs and placement of corneas. With headquarters in Pittsburgh and an office in Charleston, West Virginia, CORE oversees a region that encompasses 155 hospitals and almost six million people throughout western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung County, NY. For more information, visit www.core.org or call 1-800-DONORS-7 and;

NOW THEREFORE, I, authorized signor with and on behalf of Elkins, West Virginia do proclaim that Elkins, West Virginia observes:

April as National Donate Life Month

This 13th day of April, 2020, and cause by my hand to be affixed the Seal of the Elkins, West Virginia.



Mayor Van T. Broughton

