

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are more than 108,000 Americans, including more than 6,000 in New England, who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, we can all help save up to 8 people's lives and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Maine Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at www.RegisterMe.org/ or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' website, www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/donatelife/; and

WHEREAS, 99 percent of all people in Maine who register to become a donor do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, last year, Maine surpassed the national goal by signing up 57 percent of our driving population to register as donors, and we are dedicated to increasing that percentage and making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

Donate Life Month

in Maine, and I encourage the citizens of Maine to recognize the importance of this event and to register as an organ and tissue donor.



Shenna Bellows

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Secretary of State

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this seventeenth day
of March Two Thousand Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

Janet T. Mills
Governor