

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 113,500 Americans, including more than 5,000 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 <a href="www.registerme.org/">www.registerme.org/</a> or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' website <a href="www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/donatelife/">www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/donatelife/</a>; and

**WHEREAS,** 99 percent of all people in Maine who register to become a donor do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, last year Maine met the national goal of signing up 50 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 2019 as

## **Donate Life Month**

in Maine, and I urge all the citizens of Maine to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



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

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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