



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** more than 115,000 people across the country are waiting on a life-saving organ transplant with more than 2,000 of those individuals residing in the great state of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 61 patients can benefit from the gifts of one donor hero and donated organs such as a heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestines can potentially save nine lives; and
- WHEREAS,** donated corneas can restore sight to two recipients and recovered tissues can enhance more than 50 lives primarily through reconstructive surgeries; and
- WHEREAS,** listing your name in the Louisiana Donor Registry provides hope for those whose life or productivity depends on a transplant; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 2.5 million Louisiana residents have already registered as an organ donor at the Office of Motor Vehicles when applying for or renewing a driver's license while many also choose to sign up online; and
- WHEREAS,** the spirit of giving and the decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency and Donate Life Louisiana work together with volunteers, the private-sector, non-profits and media partners to bring awareness and inform the public of the life-saving potential of organ, eye and tissue donation.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of April
A.D., 2018.*


Governor of Louisiana