



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To proclaim the month of April 2007, as **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, one person can save the lives of eight people through organ donation, enhance the lives of more than 50 individuals through tissue donation, restore the sight of two people through eye donation and help thousands in the future through research and teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 96,000 Americans are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City of Columbus, over 600 people are waiting for an organ transplant at any time, and many more await life-enhancing tissue transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, a single donor can dramatically change and improve the lives of dozens of people through their anatomical gift and help promote the slogan, "DONATE LIFE"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, 107 Central Ohioans shared the Gift of Life at the time of their death and through their unselfish generosity 289 individuals received a second chance at life through organ transplantation; and

**WHEREAS**, statistically, every other day an Ohioan dies waiting for transplantation. In the last five years over 1,000 Ohioans have died waiting for a transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, has joined Lifeline of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to educate city employees and our citizens about the importance of organ and tissue donation, and to encourage them to consider this generous choice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, passed a Donor Leave Policy in 2004 for city employees to support their choice for living donation to save the life of a family member or friend, and already employees have stepped forward to share life through donation; and

**WHEREAS**, central Ohioans can declare their wish to become a donor at the time of their death by indicating their intentions in the Ohio Donor Registry when renewing their driver license or State ID at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or by registering on-line at [www.lifelineofohio.org](http://www.lifelineofohio.org); and

**WHEREAS**, lifeline of Ohio is the designated organ procurement organization serving Central Ohio and The Ohio State University Medical Center and Children's Hospital are the area's exemplary transplant centers; now, therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That we do hereby designate the month of April 2007, as **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in the City of Columbus and we strongly encourage all citizens to consider the heroic difference a single donor can make in the lives of others and register their advance directive for organ, tissue and eye donation in the Ohio Donor Registry.