



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To proclaim the month of April 2009 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 100,000 Americans are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, In the City of Columbus, over 500 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 2008, 99 Central Ohioans shared the Gift of Life at the time of their death and through their unselfish generosity 369 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 encourages other businesses and organizations to join the Workplace Partnership for Life and educate its employees about 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 2009 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.