

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**

**April 1 – 30, 2019**

**WHEREAS:** *Realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. NJ Sharing Network is committed to addressing that need through increased awareness; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and 115,000 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes and being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight and life to people in need; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at [www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org) signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and*

**WHEREAS:** *As Mayor of Mendham Borough, I recognize **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** as an opportunity to join NJ Sharing Network in its life-saving mission.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE SERRANO-GLASSNER, MAYOR,** do hereby proclaim April 1, 2019 – April 30, 2019 as

### ***DONATE LIFE MONTH***

*in Mendham Borough, New Jersey, and I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**.*

Dated: March 25, 2019

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Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor