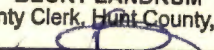


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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there are many thousands of men, women, and children waiting on lists for a life-saving organ/tissue donation that will provide them with a second chance; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 100,000 people are on the waitlist for an organ transplant in the United States, of which 85% of patients are waiting for a kidney. Many transplant candidates wait years for an organ from a deceased donor. On average, 20 people die each day waiting on a transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation and improve another 75 lives through eye, blood, and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unfortunate that in our society many people are unaware of the real need for organ donations, as the list of those requiring transplants grows every year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that being a donor is a personal decision; which should be discussed in advance with one's family; and

**WHEREAS**, only through education and increased public awareness can people make the decision to donate their organ/tissue and make a tremendous contribution of the gift of life; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Americans receive the gift of life each year through organ transplantation, however, the number of people in need of life-saving organs remains staggeringly high and increases by 1 person every 9 minutes; and

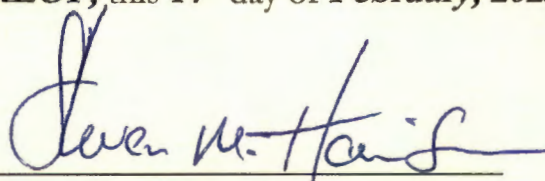
**WHEREAS**, the gift of life is not just an option for a donor who passes away, but an option for a living person as well, known as a living donor, In 2022, 6,466 people became living organ donors, most living donors donate one of their kidneys or part of their liver; and

**WHEREAS**, living organ donors make thousands of transplants possible every year, there is a lot to learn before you can decide whether donating an organ is right for you; and

**WHEREAS**, February is National Organ Donation Month however February 14<sup>th</sup> is National Donor Day, a time for all Americans to celebrate the generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming an organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donors - and to encourage more Americans to follow this example; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven M. Harrison, County Commissioner of Hunt County, do hereby proclaim February as NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH in Hunt County and urge all employees and residents to visit [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov) to find out more about becoming a donor, to become better educated about becoming an organ donor and create a better community for all individuals within.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of *February*, 2023.



**Steven M. Harrison**  
**Hunt County Commissioner, Pct. 4**

