

2020 RES-430
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Dane County recognizes the Presidential Proclamation on “National Donate Life Month, 2021” such that “April is National Donate Life Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donors--and to encourage more Americans to follow their example;” and

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, Donate Life Month observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life Month was started in 2003 by Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson when he served on President George W. Bush’s Cabinet as the Secretary of Health and Human Services and of the 107,000 patients waitlisted in the U.S. for a life-saving transplant, more than 1,600 are right here in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can enhance the lives of over 75 others; and

WHEREAS, last year in Wisconsin there were nearly 125 living kidney and liver donors and more than 270 deceased organ donors who gifted more than 800 organs to over 750 organ recipients who received the gifts of life and hope as a result of these donations, while more than 900 tissue donors and nearly 1,000 cornea donors helped heal many others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of April as Donate Life Month and honors the donor heroes who left a legacy of hope to organ, tissue, and cornea recipients.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors encourages individuals to register as an organ and tissue donor at a Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles facility or online at DonateLifeWisconsin.org.

Analiese Eicher, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this

_____ day of _____, 2021.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk