

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DONATE LIFE MONTH APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives and provide healing to more than 75 people; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, more than 46,000 transplants gave renewed life and support to patients and their families and communities; still more than 103,000 Americans and over 100 North Dakotans are waiting for life-saving organ transplants; and

WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every eight minutes, and an average of 16 people pass away each day while waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, many Americans support organ, tissue and eye donation as an opportunity to give life and health to others but have not taken the steps to become a donor; and

WHEREAS, donors are often people who die suddenly and unexpectedly, and discussing donation is an important conversation to have with family members; and

WHEREAS, those who have made the decision to become a donor may add their name to the North Dakota Donor Registry by answering "yes" on their application when they visit a North Dakota Driver's License Site to obtain a driver's license, permit or ID card; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April we celebrate donation recipients, recognize those who continue to wait, honor donors and their families and thank registered donors for the gift of hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2024, DONATE LIFE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Michael Howe, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

ATTEST:

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE