

DONATE LIFE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Organ and tissue donation is an important part of our health care system. Through the organ donor program, Georgians across our state provide help for those in need in countless ways; and
- WHEREAS: Statistics show that approximately 63 Americans receive transplants every day. However, at the same time, another 16 people die because not enough organs are available. There are close to 81,000 patients waiting for organ transplants; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of people have already recognized the importance of giving the gift of life to others. In 2002, 22,741 organ transplants and more than 46,000 corneal transplants were performed in the United States, and an average of 173 transplants were facilitated each month by the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry; and
- WHEREAS: Many Georgian have agreed to become organ donors; this selfless action potentially saves lives. I encourage all Georgians to consider organ donation and to join me in expressing gratitude for those who have already made the gift of life; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as DONATE LIFE MONTH in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

