

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH
APRIL 2013**

- WHEREAS:** One of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 117,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 3,700 reside in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every eleven minutes; and
- WHEREAS:** The critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 18 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and
- WHEREAS:** Organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with the renewed hope for a healthy life; and
- WHEREAS:** Donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness individuals can perform; and
- WHEREAS:** 68,470 citizens in Clayton County, Georgia have already registered their decision to Give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org; and
- WHEREAS:** LifeLink of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County, Georgia supports LifeLink of Georgia's life-saving mission; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as National Donate Life Month in Clayton County, Georgia and honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life by focusing their attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation. I encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 9th day of April in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman