

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

**WHEREAS**, over 105,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which over 6,000 reside in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, 49,065, a historic number of organ transplants, occurred in the calendar year 2025 in the United States thanks to the generosity of 23,787 deceased and living donors, of which LifeLink of Florida honored more donors than ever before serving 360 organ donors who provided 995 lifesaving transplants to patients in need; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.5 million people throughout the country and in Florida benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 8 minutes and each day roughly 13 people die due to the lack of available organs; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 10 million Floridians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life through organ and tissue donation at [www.DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://www.DonateLifeFlorida.org) or on their driver license; and

**WHEREAS**, LifeLink of Florida, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Florida, with a mission to honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

## “DONATE LIFE MONTH”

and encourage all residents to consider leaving an infinite legacy through organ donation and to sign up at [MyStoryContinues.com](http://MyStoryContinues.com) or when renewing their driver license or state identification card.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of April 2026.

### CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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Pete Emrich, Mayor

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Barbara Langdon, Vice-Mayor

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David Duval, Commissioner



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Phil Stokes, Commissioner

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Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

### ATTEST

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Heather Faust, City Clerk