

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, over 103,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which over 5,100 reside in Florida; and

WHEREAS, 46,630, a record number of transplants, occurred in the calendar year 2023 thanks to the generosity of 23,287 deceased and living donors, of which 3,302 transplant patients and 1,343 deceased and living donors were from Florida; 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 17 people die due to the lack of available organs; and

WHEREAS, more than 11.3 million Floridians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life through organ and tissue donation at 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 the month of April 2024 as

“Donate Life Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of April 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner



Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk

