



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

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**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Declaring Intent

**Purpose:** Resolution declaring the month of April 2024, Donate Life Month.

**Sponsor:** Council Member, C. Lawrence Crump

**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS**, there is an ever-increasing need, both nationally and locally, for donated organs and tissue that can save lives, give hope and restore health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated there are over 115,000 persons awaiting an organ transplant nationally, including over 2,500 New Jersey residents, and hundreds of Newark residents, with a new person being added to the transplant list every ten (10) minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, one organ and tissue donor may save up to eight (8) lives, restore sight to two (2) people and heal the lives of seventy-five (75) others; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, (380) generous donors from New Jersey gave the gift of life through organ and tissue; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Newark residents learn about organ, tissue, blood and cornea donation, and discuss this vital health issue with their families and their doctors and raise awareness of the importance of donating; and

**WHEREAS**, every human life holds inherent dignity and matchless value, and it is critical that Newark residents consider becoming donors and share their wishes with their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Departments of Health, Education, Transportation and the State's two (2) organ procurement organizations - the New Jersey Sharing Network and Gift of Life Donor Program are committed to saving and restoring the lives of those in need of organ, tissue and cornea, transplantation by continuing to increase public awareness of the importance of becoming a registered donor.

**WHEREAS**, Donate Life Month is a nationally recognized month annually each April.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Municipal Council proclaims April 2024 Donate Life Month throughout the City of Newark, New Jersey.

2. This Resolution of Support is hereby ratified to the date of adoption of this authorizing Resolution.
3. A copy of the Resolution shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

### **STATEMENT**

This Resolution proclaims the Municipal Council's support of Donate Life Month to save and restore the lives of those in need of an organ, tissue and cornea, transplantation by continuing to increase public awareness of the importance of becoming a registered donor during the month of April 2024 throughout the City of Newark, New Jersey.