

**TOWNSHIP of ROCKAWAY
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, there are many thousands of men, women and children waiting on lists for a life-saving organ/tissue donation that will provide them with a second chance; and

Whereas, it is unfortunate that in our society many people are unaware of the real need for organ donations, as the list of those requiring transplants grows every year; and

Whereas, it is recognized that being a donor is a personal decision; which should be discussed in advance with one's family; and


Whereas, only through education and increased public awareness can people make the decision to donate their organ/tissue and make the tremendous contribution of the gift-of-life; and

Whereas, one donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and improve another 75 lives through eye and tissue donation; and

Whereas, Thousands of Americas receive the gift of life each year through organ transplantation, however the number of people in need of life-saving organs remains staggeringly high and increases by 1 person every 9 minutes; and

Whereas, April is National Organ Donation Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming an organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donors - and to encourage more Americans to follow this example; and

Now, Therefore, I, Michael Puzio, Mayor of the Township of Rockaway, do hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH in the Township of Rockaway and urge all employees and residents to visit organdonor.gov to find out more about becoming a donor, to become better educated about becoming an organ donor and create a better community for all individuals within.



Mayor Michael Puzio
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