

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 080385)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia Donate Life Week.

**WHEREAS**, Organ and tissue transplantation has been recognized as a lifesaving and corrective medical procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, One ordinary person has the extraordinary power to save or enhance more than 50 lives by saying “yes” to organ and tissue donation on his or her driver’s license. Advanced medical technology and drugs to offset rejection of organs have allowed hundreds of Philadelphians each year to receive a second chance at life and lead active, productive lives. Every day lives are changed through kidney, heart, liver, pancreas, lung, cornea, skin, bone and heart valve transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, Organ and tissue donors give the greatest gift possible – the gift of life. Offering to donate organs or tissue is something any one of us can do. You don’t have to be young or even completely healthy – you only have to be willing and say yes to becoming a donor; and

**WHEREAS**, Nationwide, while more than 98,000 people are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and hundreds of thousands more would benefit for a life-enhancing tissue transplant, the number of people in need of transplants far exceed the number of organs available. Nationally, 18 people die each day while waiting for a transplant because of this critical shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, Designating your intent to donate on your driver’s license and talking to others about donation are ways in which you can support organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Participation in community-based events such as the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Dash for Organ Donor Awareness to be held on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum is another way to address and alleviate the critical shortage of organ and tissue donors that exists within our City. City Council urges all residents of Philadelphia to consider the importance and life-sustaining value of organ and tissue donation; now therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA,** Declares April 20th-26th as Philadelphia Donate Life Week in the City of Philadelphia; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Gift of Life Donor Program as a sincere expression of City Council's appreciation and support for this important organization.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth of April, 2008.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell and Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Jones, Krajewski, Kenney, Green, Goode, DiCicco, Miller, Kelly, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, O'Neill and Greenlee