

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 118,500 Americans, with more than 5,000 in New England who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS,** there are over 1 million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin, or other tissue; and

**WHEREAS,** we can all help save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Vermont Donor Registry; and

**WHEREAS,** 97 percent of all people in Vermont who register to become a donor do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles, it is fitting that Vermont surpasses the national goal of signing up 50 percent of our driving population to become donors and is dedicated to making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Department of Motor Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS,** this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

**DONATE LIFE MONTH**

in Vermont, supporting organ and tissue donation, and urge all the citizens of Vermont to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line.  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs