



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Liz Seman
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize*

Donate Life Month

Whereas, to raise awareness of the life-saving impact of organ donation, April 2023 is recognized as National Donate Life Month; and

Whereas, in the United States, more than 108,000 children and adults await lifesaving transplants, of which more than 1,300 are South Carolinians; an average of 20 lives are lost each day due to the limited availability of transplant organs, and every 10 minutes, a new name is added to the United Network for Organ Sharing national transplant waiting list; and

Whereas, Prisma Health established the only transplant center in the Upstate at Greenville Memorial Hospital in the fall of 2021, providing Greenville County and other Upstate residents access to transplant procedures and treatment closer to home; and

Whereas, in working with donors and partner organ donation organizations, the Prisma Health Transplant Center's kidney transplant program has performed 43 transplants since its first transplant in February of 2022; and

Whereas, according to national research conducted by Donate Life America, more than 90 percent of Americans support organ donation and more than 54 percent of South Carolinians have registered as organ donors with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; and

Whereas, the decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives and tissue donation can enhance many more lives; organ donation can provide the gift of life, which is a true demonstration of generosity and sacrifice.

Now, Therefore, Greenville County Council does recognize the need for organ donation awareness and does hereby proclaim April 2023 as

Donate Life Month

in
Greenville County, South Carolina

Signed this 4th day of April 2023

Dan Tripp, Chairman
Greenville County Council