

Proclamation

April 2024

BeADonor Month

Whereas, "BeADonor Month" supports organ and tissue donor registration; and

Whereas, over 1,600 people in Ontario are on the waitlist and every three days someone dies waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

Whereas, research shows the majority of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation yet just 35% of eligible Ontarians have registered their consent to donate; and

Whereas, families almost always consent to donation when there is evidence a loved one registered their decision to donate, but in the absence of a registered donation decision, families consent only half of the time; and

Whereas, everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor, regardless of age; one organ donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 more through the gift of tissue; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2024** as "**BeADonor Month**" in the Town of Orangeville and encourage all citizens to learn more about organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and consider pledging their support to "BeADonor Month" by registering at <u>BeADonor.ca</u>.

Lisa Post Mayor