Office of Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, Over 123,000 people are waiting for a life saving transplant in the US, with more than 1,400 individuals waiting here in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate with those who are here today through the gift of life, because they are truly some of the lucky ones. The critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis, and an average of 21 Americans die daily waiting due to a the lack of available organs; and

WHEREAS, through this observance we stand with family and community to remember and honor those Individuals who have chosen to be donors and have saved lives through their generous and selfless gift; and

WHEREAS, registered donors provide hope, strength, and life, and all residents who wish to register to become a donor can do so through the Department of Motor Vehicles, by sharing their wishes with family members, or by registering online with Life Choice Donor Services-a Donate Life organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as;

"Donate Life Month"

In the Town of East Hartford and encourage all residents to register as an organ and tissue donor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the Town of East Hartford to be affixed this ninth day of April, Two-thousand and Fifteen.

Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor