



## Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, One of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 108,000 children and adults await lifesaving transplants, of which more than 1,300 are in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, for the first time ever, more than 200 South Carolinians said “Yes” to organ donation, saving lives of 514 people awaiting their second chance at life; and

**WHEREAS**, we are still losing an average of 20 lives every day due to the lack of organs available for transplantation because every 10 minutes, another name is added to the national transplant waiting list, and

**WHEREAS**, according to national research conducted by Donate Life America, more than 90 percent of Americans support donation and more than 54 percent of South Carolinians have registered at the DMV; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives and tissue donation can enhance many more – men, women, and children who depend on the generosity and sacrifice of others to receive a second chance at life.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina, hereby proclaim April 2021 as

### **“DONATE LIFE MONTH”**

in the City of Hartsville and encourage every person to support this life saving effort by learning more about organ, eye and tissue donation and making their decision known to their families as shown on their South Carolina driver’s license.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk