

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, organ and tissue transplantation can save, prolong, and improve the lives of hundreds of South Carolinians and tens of thousands of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 747 South Carolinians are currently on a waiting list to receive an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, tragically, because enough organs and tissue are not available, many will die waiting; and

WHEREAS, less than 10 percent of South Carolina's population have consented to become organ donors; and

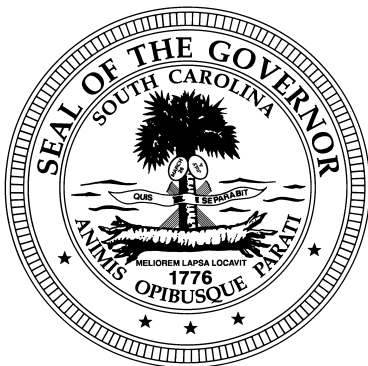
WHEREAS, the Gift of Life Trust Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization established in 1996 by Act 262 of the South Carolina General Assembly to educate our citizens about the need for organ and tissue donation and to provide financial assistance to patients navigating the transplant process; and

WHEREAS, continued efforts to increase awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation could mean the difference between life and death for people throughout South Carolina and the nation waiting for a transplant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to become organ donors to help save, prolong, and improve the quality of life for our fellow citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA