



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, One of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

WHEREAS, over 104,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which over 5,500 reside in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the generosity of 24,018 deceased and living donors, 48,149, a historic number of organ transplants, occurred in the 2024 calendar year in the United States, LifeLink of Florida honored more donors than ever before, serving 361 organ donors who provided 936 lifesaving transplants to patients in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million people throughout the country and in Florida benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the *Tampa Bay Newspapers*, former Seminole Mayor Jimmy Johnson, was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and received a lung transplant from an organ donor; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 8 minutes and each day roughly 16 people die due to the lack of available organs; and

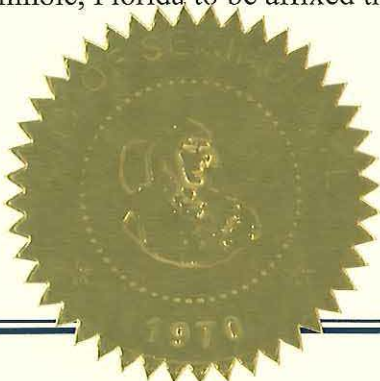
WHEREAS, more than 11.1 million Floridians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life through organ and tissue donation at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org or on their drivers' license; and

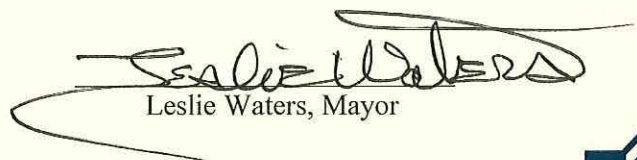
WHEREAS, LifeLink® of Florida is a non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Florida, with a mission to honor donors and save lives through organ and tissue donation.

THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby Proclaim this Month of April 2025, as

“Donate Life Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this day of 25th of February 2025.




Leslie Waters, Mayor