



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

“BE A DONOR” MONTH APRIL 2019

- WHEREAS:** “Be A Donor” 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:** In 2018, 333 deceased and 274 living donors saved lives of 1,236 people through transplant, and 2,413 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands more through the gift of eyes, bone, skin or heart valves; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows the majority of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation, yet just 33% 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.
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

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in the City of Windsor and encourage all citizens to learn more about the organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and consider pledging their support to “Be A Donor” Month by registering as a donor at www.BeADonor.ca



Mayor