



Proclamation

April 2020

BeADonor Month

I, **Mayor Sandy Brown**, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as “**BeADonor Month**” in the Town of Orangeville;

Whereas, “BeADonor 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 live-saving organ transplant; and

Whereas, in 2019, 382 deceased and 302 living donors saved the lives of 1,386 people through transplant, and 2,364 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 34% 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; and

Now Therefore, I encourage all citizens to learn more about the organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and consider pledging their support to “BeADonor Month” by registering as a donor at [BeADonor.ca](https://www.beadonor.ca).

Sandy Brown
Mayor