

## **Proclamation**

## April 2021

## **BeADonor Month**

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 life-saving organ transplant; and

**Whereas**, research shows the majority of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation yet just 35% 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, Mayor Sandy Brown,** on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **"BeADonor Month"** in the Town of Orangeville and encourage all citizens to learn more about organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and consider pledging their support to "BeADonor Month" by registering at <u>BeADonor.ca</u>.

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Sandy Brown Mayor