

Proclamation

April 2023

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 Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2023** 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 BeADonor.ca.

Lisa Post Mayor