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Region of York
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Dear Bruce,

There are currently 1,600 people on the waiting list for life saving organ and tissue transplants in Ontario. Unfortunately, with only 17% of Ontarians with health cards registered as donors, many will not receive their transplants in time. The good news is that with every Ontarian who registers consent to become an organ and tissue donor, we are increasing the chance of saving a life.

We need your help to make that difference.

April 18 – 25, 2010 is National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week. Your support is vital to mobilizing your community to help save lives.

This package contains the Gift of Life flag and copy of a public proclamation. You can help make the public more aware of the need to register donation consent and show your support in one of the following ways:

- Fly the Gift of Life flag during National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week
- Issue a public proclamation
- Post the proclamation and a message of support on your website
- Let us send you a digital button that you can post on your website that will lead people to the Gift of Life consent registration form (<http://tinyurl.com/ontgiftoflife>)
- Host a registration drive

Please contact us at 416-927-7355 or at awarenessweek@giftoflife.on.ca and let us know how you can help.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours truly,

Frank Markel, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Proclamation

Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week April 18-25, 2010

WHEREAS, a life saving organ or tissue donation can provide thousands of men, women, and children on waiting lists with a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, our society unfortunately lacks widespread knowledge of the real need for organ donations, and the list of Ontarians in need of transplants grows annually; and

WHEREAS, the tireless efforts of the Trillium Gift of Life Network members, volunteers and individual donors and their families can, and do save many lives each year; and

WHEREAS, education and increased public awareness enable Ontarians to make the important, informed decision to donate their organs and/or tissues and help give the gift of life;

THEREFORE, I, XXX, Mayor/Reeve of the City/Town of XXX, do hereby proclaim **April 18-25 2010 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week** in the City of XXX, and encourage all residents of the City/Town of XXX to register their consent to donate their organs and/or tissues and help save lives.

Proclamation

**Semaine de sensibilisation au don d'organes et de tissus
Du 18 au 25 avril 2010**

ATTENDU QUE des milliers d'hommes, de femmes et d'enfants sont en attente d'un don d'organes ou de tissus qui leur donnera une seconde chance;

ATTENDU QUE notre société est malheureusement très mal informée sur le besoin réel en dons d'organes et que la liste des Ontariens en attente d'une transplantation s'allonge d'année en année;

ATTENDU QUE les efforts inlassables des membres et des bénévoles du Réseau Trillium pour le don de vie et ceux des donateurs et de leur famille peuvent sauver, et sauvent chaque année, de nombreuses vies;

ATTENDU QUE l'éducation et la sensibilisation accrue du public permettront aux Ontariens de prendre la décision importante et éclairée de faire don de leurs organes ou de leurs tissus et de contribuer ainsi au don de vie;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, XXX, maire/préfet de XXX, proclame par la présente la période du 18 au 25 avril 2010, **Semaine de sensibilisation au don d'organes et de tissus** dans la ville de XXX et invite tous les résidents de cette ville à inscrire leur consentement au don de leurs organes et de leurs tissus afin de contribuer à sauver des vies.

XXX
Maire/Préfet