

PROCLAMATION

BeADonor Month

Whereas, April is BeADonor Month in Ontario; and

Whereas, the goal during BeADonor Month is to inspire those who have not yet registered consent for organ and tissue donation; and

Whereas, on average 1,400 people in Ontario are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every three days someone will die waiting for an organ transplant; and

Whereas, in 2024, 341 deceased organ donors gave the gift of life, 1,035 deceased donor organ transplants were performed in Ontario, and 1,975 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands; and

Whereas, 90% of Ontarians support organ and tissue donation yet only one in three (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 has the potential to be an organ and/or tissue donor, regardless of age or health; one organ donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 others through tissue donation; and

Now Therefore, I Mayor Paterson, on behalf of council, do hereby proclaim **April 2025** as **BeADonor Month** in the Town of Hanover and encourage all citizens to learn more about 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).



Susan Paterson,
Mayor