



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Donate Life Tennessee is indebted to and would like to honor the 95 Tennessee County Clerks for their support through the Tennessee County Clerk Organ Donor Awareness Foundation, educating Tennesseans on the importance of organ and tissue donation; and recognize the 41 clerk offices renewing driver licenses encouraging individuals to register as an organ and tissue donor; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, the County Clerks in Tennessee encourage Tennesseans to participate in the "Donate a Dollar" campaign when applying for or renewing TN license plates. Foundation funds are used to educate Tennesseans on the importance of registering as an organ and tissue donor; and

WHEREAS, because of the dedication of the County Clerks and their unwavering commitment to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation since 1996; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee in 2017, 372 Tennesseans gave the gift of life through organ donation, saving 1156 lives, while thousands of lives were improved through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, approximately 115,000 are on the waiting list for organ transplants in the U.S. and 2,900 are waiting in Tennessee, and 20 people in our nation die each day waiting on a transplant; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee County Clerks to broaden awareness of the enormous, life-changing impact of organ and tissue donation, and that one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people and one tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 or more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of July 15-21, 2018 as

County Clerk Appreciation Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of June, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State