



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

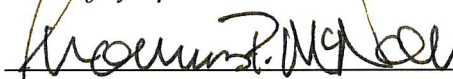
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, *every day, individuals across our nation are in need of life-saving organ, tissue, and eye donations; and*
- WHEREAS, *the generosity of those who donate organs, tissues, and eyes, as well as the families who support their decisions, provides hope and healing to those awaiting transplants; and*
- WHEREAS, *more than 10,000 Americans are on the waiting list for an organ, 47,000 of those are in Illinois and more than 300 die each year waiting for an organ transplant; and*
- WHEREAS, *the act of donation embodies the highest ideals of compassion, selflessness, and solidarity, exemplifying the best of humanity; and*
- WHEREAS, *through the gift of donation, individuals can leave a lasting legacy of love, kindness and generosity that extends far beyond their own lives; and*
- WHEREAS, *the need for organ, tissue, and eye donors continues to grow, with thousands of individuals awaiting transplants that could save or improve their lives; and*
- WHEREAS, *National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourages Americans to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 to be:

"DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Rockford, Illinois and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation and to consider registering as donors to give the gift of life to those in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 20th day of April 2026.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD

