

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MORTON, DIXON, MILLS, HARDWICK, RATH, AND LORIGO

Re: Promotion of applications to become an Organ and Tissue Donor

WHEREAS, Erie County residents demonstrate their commitment to one another in the most difficult of circumstances through organ, tissue, stem cell, and blood donation; and

WHEREAS, across the State, we face a shortage of donors; and

WHEREAS, only 18% of New Yorkers age 18 and older have enrolled in the NYS Donate Life Registry, compared to the national average of 42%, which means New York State's participation is the 47th lowest in terms of organ donation; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness and increase donor registration in New York, counties across the New York State have proclaimed April as Donate Life Month and have adopted resolutions encouraging residents to register as organ donors; and

WHEREAS, becoming a registered organ donor in New York State is easy and can be done online through the New York Organ Donor Network website or any DMV office; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be signed up to be a donor, regardless of age, race or medical history; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April all Erie County Auto Bureau locations will have pamphlets regarding "Donate Life" month, which gives information regarding the simple process to sign up to be a donor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature encourages County residents to register as organ donors and urges the DMV to remind registrants to sign up to become organ donors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to the Erie County Clerk's Office and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None