

CITY OF DETROIT
PROCLAMATION

National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, during National Donate Life Month in April, we honor the individuals who have given the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the many lives that have been saved and healed through the generosity of donors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the decision to become an organ, eye, and tissue donor offers hope to more than 2,600 individuals in Michigan currently awaiting a life-saving transplant, providing them with a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the urgent and growing need for organ and tissue donors across the nation, National Donate Life Month promotes greater awareness and understanding of the life-saving impact of donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, Gift of Life Michigan and Detroit Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) Foundation are dedicated to addressing this need through education, outreach, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can enhance the lives of more than 75 others, demonstrating the profound impact of donation across all ages, ethnicities, and faiths; and

WHEREAS, support for this important cause can include registering as an organ and tissue donor, sharing that decision with family members, and helping to give the gift of life, mobility, and sight to those in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor—whether through the Secretary of State, on income tax forms, or online—represents a powerful commitment to helping others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mary Sheffield, Mayor of the City of Detroit, do hereby recognize **April 2026** as **National Donate Life Month**, and encourage all residents to join in supporting the life-saving mission of **Gift of Life Michigan and Detroit Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) Foundation**.



Mary Sheffield

MAYOR

April 1, 2026

DATE