**2024 BeADonor Month Proclamation Template**

**I, Mayor XX,** do hereby proclaim April 2024 as **“BeADonor** **Month”** in the City/Town of XX;

**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**, almost 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 2023, 365 deceased organ donors gave the gift of life, 1,152 organ transplants were performed in Ontario, and 1,853 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands.

**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 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](http://www.beadonor.ca/).

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 *Signature*

 Mayor