State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, there are more than 110,000 Americans and more than 4,600 New Englanders who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, we can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Rhode Island Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at www.donatelifenewengland.org; and

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, do hereby recognize April, 2011 as Donate Life Month in the State of Rhode Island.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 20th day of April, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State