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Mayor Narkewicz Proclaims April as Organ Donation Month in Northampton

Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 11:00 AM – City Hall

April Organ Donation Month

*1159 lives saved in 2018 thanks to organ donation
Individuals personally touched by donation will share their stories*

What: Mayor David Narkewicz and New England Donor Services will join individuals personally touched by donation to discuss life-saving organ donation and the important role the state of Massachusetts plays in register donors. The Mayor will sign a proclamation declaring April as Organ Donation Month in the city and encourage citizens to register as organ and tissue donors.

Who: Mayor David Narkewicz

New England Organ Bank

Individuals touched by organ donation

Scott Meyer & Kim Meyer - met while each waiting for an organ – received organs and got married!

Glen Wily – liver organ recipient

Cassie Tessier – double lung recipient

Where: Northampton City Hall, 210 Main Street, 2nd floor hearing room, Northampton, MA

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The state plays an important role in the donation process as the vast majority of individuals in Massachusetts (99%) who register to be an organ and tissue donor at the state Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). In 2018 over 1159 lives were saved here in New England because of the generosity of individuals who became organ donors. Thousands more lives were enhanced through the gift of tissue donation. With the need for life-saving transplants growing every day - over 113,600 patients are now on the US transplant wait list - it is crucial to educate our communities about taking action to register as donors.

Donate Life Month in Northampton is an opportunity to continue education efforts, celebrate the lives saved and enhanced through donation and honor the donors who made the ultimate gift. To register to be a donor or for more information visit www.RegisterMe.org/MA

About New England Donor Services: the federally-designated, non-profit procurement organization responsible for the surgical recovery of organs and tissues for transplant in Rhode Island and throughout the New England region.

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