



Washington Regional Transplant Community



CITY OF MANASSAS PARK PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2010 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH

WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 people living in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and thousands more need a tissue transplant this year; and

WHEREAS, every day 18 of the more than 105,000 Americans awaiting an organ transplant will die before they receive a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, Washington Regional Transplant Community is observing more than 20 years educating the City of Manassas Park about saying yes to donation, thereby giving the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue recovery; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Manassas Park can make their donation decision by either designating donation on their driver's license or signing up at www.save7lives.org and discussing their choice with their family; and

WHEREAS, during Donate Life Month we honor our city's organ, eye and tissue donors and their families, whose decision to share the gift of life through America's donor programs serves as a positive example for all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANASSAS PARK, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as Donate Life Month in the City of Manassas Park and urge all citizens to sign up as organ, eye and tissue donors, to inform their family of their decision and to help raise awareness of the important need for organ, eye and tissue donation in our community.

Approved April 6, 2010

Frank Jones, Mayor

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Whereas, the City of Manassas Park Department of Social Services conducts an average of 10 investigations of child maltreatment per month

Therefore, the City of Manassas Park does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the communities in which we live.