



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **"Be A Donor Month"**

### **April 2022**

**WHEREAS**, "Be A Donor Month" supports organ and tissue donor registration; and

**WHEREAS**, Almost 16,000 people in Ontario are on the waitlist, and every three days someone dies waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, 314 deceased organ donors gave the gift of life; 1,135 organ transplants were performed in Ontario; and 1,709 tissue donors enhanced the lives of thousands; and

**WHEREAS**, Ninety percent 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 is a potential organ and tissue donor, regardless of age or medical condition; one organ donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 more through the gift of tissue.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim the month of April as "BeADonor Month", and 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://BeADonor.ca).

**DATED** at Picton this 22nd day of March, 2022

Mayor Steve Ferguson