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## National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week

National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (NOTDAW) dedicates this time to sharing stories and raising awareness about the benefits of organ and tissue donation, and the life-saving effects of transplantation.

Only 1 – 2% of deaths are potential organ donors. There are over 4,500 Canadians, including more than 700 Albertans on the waiting list for an organ transplant. It is important to consider becoming not only an organ donor, but a tissue donor. One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and enhance as many as 75 more.

It is easier than ever to register as an organ and tissue donor. When an individual in Alberta renews their license, they can register for the Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry as well as have their preference to donate put directly on their license.

It is important for donors to discuss their wishes with their families. Many times, a donor does not and the gift of life they wish to give is not utilized due to a lack of communication of their final wishes. Please consider giving the gift of life and registering to be a donor.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Mayor Rod Frank, do hereby proclaim April 22 – 29, 2018 as National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month in Strathcona County.

Dated this 24 day of April, 2018.

Signed by  
Rod Frank, Mayor