



PENNSYLVANIA'S PHYSICIAN GENERAL: "RESOLVE TO REGISTER" AND BECOME AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR IN THE NEW YEAR

Physician General Dr. Carrie DeLone calls it an easy New Year's Resolution that takes only 30 seconds and can save lives

HARRISBURG (Dec. 29, 2014) – Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Carrie DeLone is urging Pennsylvanians to 'Resolve to Register' in 2015 by registering to become an organ and tissue donor in the New Year. Donate Life PA makes it easier than ever by allowing current non-donors to register anytime at www.DonateLifePA.org. It takes only 30 seconds to give the gift of life and one organ and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people.

"This is a time when many of us consider resolutions and actions we can take to better ourselves, our families and our communities in the New Year," said Dr. DeLone. "I'd like to personally ask all Pennsylvanians who perhaps have been considering registering but have not yet done so, to 'Resolve to Register' and join the millions of Pennsylvanians who already have said 'yes' to organ and tissue donation.

"Unlike other resolutions that may take weeks or months to accomplish, this is one New Year's Resolution that's easy to keep – and you can get it done in just 30 seconds."

Dr. DeLone said that each day across the U.S., 21 people die due to the lack of available organs for transplant. And across Pennsylvania there are more than 8,500 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. "It's up to all of us to do our part and register to become organ and tissue donors. Please 'Resolve to Register' in 2015. Do it right now. Visit www.DonateLifePA.org."

The vast majority of Pennsylvanians register to become organ donors when they visit a PennDOT center to renew their driver's license. However, waiting is no longer necessary with the Donate Life PA online registry. All that's required is to enter your driver's license number, date of birth and social security number on a secure site controlled by PennDOT.

"Most Pennsylvanians agree being an organ and tissue donor is the right thing to do," added Dr. DeLone. "Yet less than half of licensed drivers in the state are actually registered donors. Let's together resolve to change that in 2015. Our friends and neighbors are counting on us to be there for them. We hope they'll be there for us should we need them."

About Donate Life PA

Donate Life PA is a collaborative initiative between Gift of Life Donor Program (GOL), the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) – the two organ procurement organizations serving



Pennsylvania – and the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Transportation. It is funded by state residents through voluntary contributions included with driver's license renewals, vehicle registrations and state income tax filings. All contributions are used by the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund to educate residents, build awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation, and increase the number of people who sign up to become donors on their driver's license, learner's permit or state identification card. Visit us at DonateLifePA.org or at [Facebook.com/DonateLifePennsylvania](https://www.facebook.com/DonateLifePennsylvania).