

## Township of Haddon Proclamation

*Whereas, each year, National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month is observed during the month of April, and citizens join to recognize the altruism and humanitarianism of those who are inspired to "give the gift of life" to a fellow human being; and*

*Whereas, this observance pays tribute to organ donors and their families whose meaningful decision enables others to receive life-saving organs or tissue, whereby a transplant not only improves the quality of life for the recipient, but in many cases can save a life; and*

*Whereas, there are nearly 100,000 Americans who are currently on the waiting list for an organ or tissue transplant, and approximately 4,500 are New Jerseyans; and*

*Whereas, another life can be saved by signing an organ and tissues donor card or by enrolling in the New Jersey Donate Life Registry; and*

*Whereas, the organs and tissues from a single donor can help as many as 50 recipients, and during National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month, citizens are reminded of the life-sustaining results of organ and tissue donation and encouraged to consider this immensely generous and selfless act that extends another life;*

*Now, Therefore, the Township of Haddon Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2010 as*

### **ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the Township of Haddon in memory of Joseph Bottino, Jr.*

  
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Mayor Randall W. Teague

  
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Commissioner John C. Foley

  
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Commissioner Paul Dougherty