

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** in the United States there are approximately 118,000 men, women, and children in need of a life-saving organ transplant and 2,113 are here in Louisiana. Sadly, every ten minutes someone is added to the national transplant waiting list and on average, 22 people die each day while waiting for an organ; and,

**WHEREAS,** the month of August we lift up the thousands of individuals across America who have received the gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donations, and their donor families. We would like to honor **Jarrius "JJ" Robertson** who received his second liver transplant on April 30, 2017, from an angel donor. Through his experience, "JJ" has founded his "IT TAKES LIVES TO SAVE LIVES" Foundation to bring awareness of the importance of organ donation; and,

**WHEREAS,** **DONORS ARE HEROES!** By registering as a donor, you are choosing to save and heal the lives of others. One donor can potentially save up to eight lives, restore the sight of two individuals, and improve the lives of 75 people through tissue donation; and,

**WHEREAS,** organ donation begins with a decision to donate. People of all ages, races, and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Anyone can register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor in the State of Louisiana by saying "Yes" when obtaining their driver's license or State ID or by registering by visiting [www.donatelifela.org](http://www.donatelifela.org). People younger than 18 can register, although their families have final say if the occasion arises before they turn 18; and,

**WHEREAS,** every day, Americans sustain the miracle of life by generously donating their organs and tissue to others in need, but much work remains to help the Americans on the organ waiting list. This month, let us remember those we have lost and provide support to all who continue to wait and hope; and,

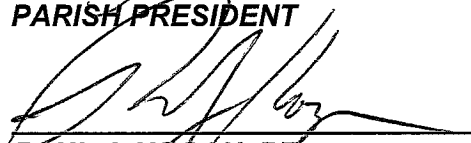


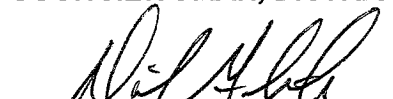


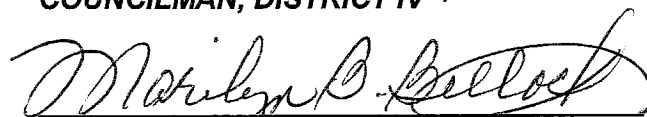
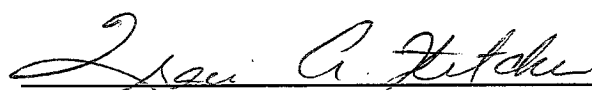
**WHEREAS,** St. Charles Parish will host a Replacement Blood Drive for Jarrius "JJ" Robertson on Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Lobby. Residents may sign up by calling (985) 783-5000 or visiting the reception area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hahnville Courthouse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE **MONTH OF AUGUST 2017 AS**

**"ST. CHARLES PARISH ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS MONTH"**

AND URGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING AN ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** THAT ST. CHARLES PARISH RECOGNIZES **JARRIUS "JJ" ROBERTSON** AND INVITES ALL CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN THE PARISH REPLACEMENT BLOOD DRIVE FOR "JJ" ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY.

  
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