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Donate Life New England Flag to be Raised at New Hampshire State House

Donate Life will hold flag-raising ceremony and receive proclamation in honor of Donate Life Month

Concord, NH (May 21, 2010) – The single Donate Life flag, which has flown above each of New Hampshire’s hospitals this year, will now complete its journey through the state by flying above the State Capitol at an event with transplant recipients, donor family members, transplant professionals and hospital CEOs from across the state on Wednesday, June 2nd.

The event will begin in the Executive Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. and, after a short speaking program, will continue outside on the State House grounds for the flag-raising. New Hampshire is the first state in the US to have flown the same Donate Life flag above each of its hospitals.

“Awareness of organ and tissue donation is a vital component to saving lives. There are more than 4,400 individuals in New England waiting for life saving transplants,” said New England Organ Bank President and CEO Richard S. Luskin. “New Hampshire hospitals have taken great initiative to generate awareness by proudly displaying the Donate Life flag at their locations since January to help this cause.”

“It was such an honor for us to fly the Donate Life flag earlier this year; our staff is dedicated to spreading the message of organ donation,” said Cottage Hospital CEO Dr. Maria Ryan. “I feel privileged to participate in the upcoming Donate Life flag-raising ceremony at our Capital as I myself am a tissue transplant recipient.”

Also scheduled to participate during the Donate Life flag-raising ceremony with Rich Luskin and Dr. Maria Ryan is the Director of the New Hampshire DMV Richard Bailey and double lung transplant recipient Jane Bergeron.

The New England Organ Bank will be presented a proclamation before the Donate Life flag display ceremony on the state house lawn.

About New England Organ Bank

New England Organ Bank is the federally-designated, non-profit procurement organization responsible for the surgical recovery of organs and tissues for transplant throughout the New England region.

About Donate Life New England

Donate Life New England is a joint project of two federally designated organ procurement organizations that serve New England – LifeChoice Donor Services and New England Organ Bank. They have come together to create a fast and easy way for citizens of New England to register as organ and tissue donors in a secure and confidential manner. For more information, visit www.donatelifenewengland.org.

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