



Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for considering our request for a proclamation from your office regarding Eye Donation Month. Your participation will help increase awareness of the importance of eye, organ and tissue donation, and the transformative effect a cornea transplant can have on the lives of recipients.

These individuals, who are often legally blind before their surgery, will be able to return to work, care for themselves and their families, watch their children grow up and fully engage in life because of their sight-restoring cornea transplant.

The Eye Bank Association of America has redoubled our efforts to draw attention to the value and importance of cornea donation and transplantation. Part of this campaign includes shifting our commemoration from March to November, beginning in 2018. We've made this change to coincide with the spirit of thankfulness and generosity that is so prevalent around the holidays. This is also a time when families gather together, which creates opportunities for registered donors to share their decisions with their loved ones, and to perhaps encourage them to also register as donors.

Thank you again for your support of our work to increase eye, organ and tissue donor registration rates in your community and to help share the gift of sight with over 80,000 people around the world each year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin P. Corcoran".

Kevin P. Corcoran, CAE  
President and CEO  
Eye Bank Association of America