**Flag-Raising Ceremony Script**

Every April during National Donate Life Month, we raise the Donate Life flag to celebrate the miracle of organ, eye and tis­sue donation. We also recognize the generous donors who have given the gift of life.

In Arizona last year, there were 283 organ donors and 779 lives saved. Thousands more lives were also healed by the state’s eye and tissue donors. Still, more than 1,800 Arizonans are waiting to receive a lifesaving organ transplant. Nationally, more than 113,000 people await the gift of life. This number grows daily.

Hope and generosity are spreading throughout the state, as more than 3.5 million Arizonans have said “yes” to one day sharing the gift of life. I encourage you to join these generous Arizonans and register as a donor today. Make your wishes known by signing up online at DonateLifeAZ.org, or check the box at the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division.

Today, we call attention to the great need for lifesaving and life-healing transplants, we honor the many generous individuals and their families who have chosen to share life through donation, and we celebrate the lives that have been saved and healed through these incredible gifts.