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**GOVERNOR PERDUE AND STATE
LEGISLATOR CHALLENGE NORTH
CAROLINIANS TO REACH 4 MILLION
REGISTERED DONORS BY APRIL 30**

**HELP NORTH CAROLINA REACH THE 4 MILLION MARK
BY REGISTERING AS A DONOR TODAY AT
WWW.DONATELIFENC.ORG**

Durham, NC – North Carolina is approaching a milestone of 4 million registered donors as April, National Donate Life Month, draws near. Representative Dale Folwell (Winston-Salem) issued a challenge to North Carolinians at a press conference last week in honor of National Donate Life Month. He challenged North Carolinians to reach the milestone of 4 million registered donors by April 30. Rep. Folwell said, “After a long winter, North Carolinians are ready to rally around something positive like organ donation. If everyone would simply look at their driver’s license and respond on-line or by going to a DMV office and adding a heart, the great state of North Carolina can hit the unprecedented four million donor mark”.

Governor Bev Perdue supports Rep. Folwell’s challenge. In addition to designating April as Organ Donation Month in North Carolina, she said, “It is also my pleasure, on behalf of the State of North Carolina, to join Representative Dale Folwell of Winston-Salem in issuing a challenge to the citizens of our great state to have four million registered donors by April 30, 2010”.

Nationally, there are over 106,000 people on the waiting list for a transplant and over 3,300 people are currently waiting in North Carolina. Approximately 12 new names are added everyday and, sadly, 18 people in the United States die every day waiting for a life-saving transplant. Every person can make a

difference. Register today and help North Carolina reach the 4 million mark.

To register, North Carolinians can have a red heart added to their driver's license at their local DMV office or register anytime online at www.donatelifenc.org. This registration constitutes first person consent so everyone is encouraged to share their decision with family and friends.

About Carolina Donor Services

Carolina Donor Services is the federally-designated, non-profit organ and tissue donation organization serving 6.1 million people in 78 counties of North Carolina and Danville, Virginia. Carolina Donor Services maximizes the passing of the heroic gift of life from one human being to another through organ and tissue donation. In North Carolina, over 3,300 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and nationally, over 106,000 people are on the organ waiting list. For more information, visit www.carolinadonorservices.org; call 1-800-200-2672 or write 3621 Lyckan Parkway, Durham, NC 27707.

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