

## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH 2014

WHEREAS, today, more than 120,000 men, women, and children are on the waiting list for an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, to help them get the care they need, millions of Americans choose to be organ and tissue donors – a decision that reflects not only profound generosity but also our commitment to one another; and

WHEREAS, most people can be donors, and information and resources about how to get involved are available at [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov); and

WHEREAS, together, we can respond to the donor shortage that keeps thousands of patients from getting life-saving care; and

WHEREAS, we can mark this month by rededicating ourselves to that task, standing with donors and their families and igniting their hopes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as National Donate Life Month 2014, and I encourage all members of our community to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation, consider signing up for their state's registry, and talk to family and friends about their decision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of the City of Muscatine; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one of five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, with leadership and dedication, we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in the City of Muscatine by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscatine City Council strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, it's time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one other to create a safer environment for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, along with the United States Government and State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and I encourage all members of our community to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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**DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor**