MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10-21 and

WHEREAS, almost 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicide and

WHEREAS, approximately 15 million people in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and

WHEREAS, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is involved in fifty percent of criminal assault, traffic, theft, fraud, vandalism and sex crime cases in the juvenile justice system. Older friends and siblings are the primary source by which underage youth obtain alcohol. Providing alcohol to minors is against the law, and that together we should work to keep it out of their hands, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we join with others in advancing efforts to strengthen the enforcement of our underage drinking laws, and build partnerships among local agencies, elected officials, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and communities to prevent underage drinking and alcoholism;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michael Viola, Mayor of Colts Neck Township, along with the entire Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc, (NCADD) and The New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control and do hereby proclaim that April 2026 as Alcohol Awareness Month within Colts Neck Township.

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Michael Viola
Mayor

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Kathleen Capristo
Municipal Clerk

April 8, 2026

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH
APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the National Donate Life Month observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. NJ Sharing Network is committed to addressing that need through increased awareness; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 100,000 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes and being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight and life to people in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of Colts Neck Township, I recognize National Donate Life Month as an opportunity to join NJ Sharing Network in its life-saving mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michael Viola, Mayor of Colts Neck Township, along with the entire Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, along with the entire Township Committee do hereby proclaim April, 2026 as Donate Life Month in Colts Neck, New Jersey, and I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout National Donate Life Month.

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Michael Viola
Mayor

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Kathleen Capristo
Municipal Clerk

April 8, 2026