

## Mayor Fuller Presents Proclamation for Donate Life Month



Mayor Gary Fuller and the City Council presented a proclamation for **Alabama Organ Donate Life Month** to Angela Haffaman, Procurement Transplant Coordinator for the Alabama Organ Center. The proclamation read in part:

**WHEREAS**, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 33,611\* candidates on the nation's organ transplant waiting list received a life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplant in 2016; of those 486\* received an organ transplant in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10\*minute; 22 individuals die each day waiting to be listed for an organ transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 118,219\* men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantations, of which approximately 3,045\* are on Alabama's list; and

**WHEREAS**, 5,566\* candidates on the national waiting list died waiting for an organ transplant which did not come in time; of those 131\* were on Alabama's waiting list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Organ Center is the non-profit, independent organ recovery organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim **April 2017** as:

### **DONATE LIFE MONTH**

In **Opelika, Alabama** we honor all who have given the gift of life, we focus our efforts on the extreme need for organ and tissue donors, and we encourage residents to designate their donation decision and share the decision to donate with family members.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, we have hereunder set our hands this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April

2017.