

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout South Carolina and around the globe, 12 million individuals suffer from cornea blindness which occurs most often as a result of various diseases or trauma to the eye; and

WHEREAS, a corneal transplant is a surgical procedure by which a damaged cornea is replaced with a healthy one recovered from a generous eye donor and, in 95 percent of cases, restores sight to the recipient; and

WHEREAS, in the event a donated cornea is found unusable for transplant purposes, it can become a valuable tool in research and education; and

WHEREAS, last year, corneal donations from residents of the Palmetto State provided over 1,200 corneas to help restore the priceless gift of sight to individuals in South Carolina and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as

EYE DONATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about eye donation, honor those who have given the gift of sight, and celebrate the recipients who have had their vision restored.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry Dargan McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA