

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, An estimated 11,000 individuals living in the State of Texas are waiting for an organ transplant and a new patient is added every 10 minutes to the waiting list.

WHEREAS, Coppell's Taylor Storch, who passed away at the age of 13 while skiing on vacation; her parents decided to donate her organs. Taylor's organs have made an extraordinary difference for five people in need, who now live full and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by the restorative impact of the decision to donate, the Storch Family established The Taylor's Gift Foundation to increase organ donation to Regift Life, Renew Health and Restore Families by increasing organ donor registries and helping those touched by organ donation in the United States.

WHEREAS, Most people can be donors, and the need is great. Coppell citizens are encouraged to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation, consider signing up for the State's registry, and talk to family and friends about their decision. Information and resources about how to get involved are available at www.TaylorsGift.org.

WHEREAS, Together, we can respond to the donor shortage that keeps thousands of patients from getting life-saving care. Let us mark this month by rededicating ourselves to that task, standing with donors and their families, and igniting hope for those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

“National Donate Life Month”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Coppell to be affixed this _____ day of May 2013.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary