

Suggested Copy for Saturn National Donor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, lifesaving donation of blood, marrow, organs and tissue saves lives every day;

WHEREAS, the need for lifesaving donation is ongoing and sometimes goes unmet;

WHEREAS, Saturn National Donor Day is committed to raising awareness and encouraging blood, marrow, organ and tissue donation;

WHEREAS, Saturn National Donor Day is celebrating its eleventh anniversary, and national accomplishments since it commenced in 1998 include:

- Nearly 2,000 community donor drives held by Saturn Retailers nationwide
- Over 226,000 units of blood collected
- Nearly 12,000 potential donors added to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, resulting in 24 potentially lifesaving marrow donations to date
- Millions of Americans told about the dire need for organ and tissue donors to assist the almost 100,000 men, women and children that currently need lifesaving organ transplants

WHEREAS, Saturn has joined forces at the national level with 15 partners: AABB, American Liver Foundation, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, America's Blood Centers/Association of Donor Recruitment Professionals, Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, Children's Organ Transplant Association, Donate Life America, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, The Marrow Foundation, National Kidney Foundation, National Marrow Donor Program, National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, United Network for Organ Sharing, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and United Auto Workers.

WHEREAS, [*Name of Saturn Retailer and owner/Individual as appropriate*] has been an important part of this community for ____ years;

WHEREAS, [*Name of Saturn Retailer*] will make a valuable contribution to the community by participating in Saturn National Donor Day on <activity date>;

WHEREAS, [*Name of blood bank/other nonprofit local partner(s)*] will contribute its support, time and resources to this noteworthy event;

WHEREAS, ... [You can include any pertinent noteworthy contributions the Saturn Retailer has made in the community.]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: