## Schoharie County DMV Reminds Residents that "Donors Are SuperStars!"

## **During April's Donate Life Month**

The Schoharie County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is teaming up with Donate Life New York State (NYS) in observance of National Donate Life Month (NDLM), celebrating the lifesaving impact made by organ, eye, and tissue donors. Donate Life NYS is the statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase organ, eye, and tissue donation in New York State through collaborative advocacy, education, research, and promotion. County Clerk Larry Caza says that 2024's theme for Donate Life Month: "Donors Are SuperStars!" takes its inspiration from the nighttime sky. Stars remind us that even in the darkest night, there is light.

"The Schoharie County DMV and our County Clerk's Office are proud to offer our customers the opportunity to be 'SuperStars' by enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry when conducting any license, permit, or non-driver ID transaction. During the entire month of April, our office will be raising awareness of the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donation in New York State," said County Clerk Larry Caza.

"Nearly 400 New Yorkers died in 2023 because they just didn't get what they needed as far as a donation. So, we ask the people, come into the DMV offices, and sign up to be a donor. It's very simple. You can do it right on the customer facing device when you are either registering your car or renewing your license. 80% of donors in New York State register through a DMV office."

"DMV's throughout the state, just like Schoharie County's, have already helped nearly six million New Yorkers enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry. By providing the opportunity for the citizens of Schoharie County to enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry, they are the key to saving and healing the lives of the thousands of New Yorkers in need of a transplant," explained Aisha Tator, Executive Director of Donate Life NYS.

Clerk Caza invites everyone to come on in to the DMV, and the Clerk's Office, to get information and register today, to save a life tomorrow. The offices are located at 284 Main Street in Schoharie, on the first floor of the County Office Building.