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## BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO RECEIVE DONATE LIFE'S HIGHEST AWARD

**What:** Ohio is one of six states receiving a gold medal award for achievement in donor designation. The gold medal designation comes from Donate Life America, a national nonprofit organization promoting organ donation across the country. The award recognizes states that are leading the way in enlisting their residents as organ donors.

**Who:** Thomas P. Charles, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Mike Rankin, Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Representatives from Donate Life Ohio

**Where:** The Ohio Department of Public Safety  
1970 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Oh 43223  
(Director's Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor)

**When:** **May 11 at 3 p.m.**

**Background:** In addition to Ohio, Colorado, Louisiana, Utah, Washington and Wyoming received gold medals. States receiving gold medals reached the top tier in five key categories including: 50 percent or greater donor designation rate (Ohio is 55.2%); 50 percent or more of the state residents age 18 and older registered as donors (Ohio is 56%); and at least 40 percent of organ, eye and tissue donors authorized through state donor registries (Ohio is 54% for organ donors, 58% for tissue donors and 55% for eye donors).

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To sign up to become an organ donor, log onto:  
<http://bmv.ohio.gov> or [www.lifelineofohio.org](http://www.lifelineofohio.org).