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### **Jesse White Announces New Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Tops 3 Million**

Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry topped 3 million. This milestone occurred in just over two years since the new registry was established by legislation initiated by White.

“Promoting the importance of organ and tissue donation remains a top priority of my office,” said White. “It is estimated the new registry saves 100 more lives annually. One single donor can save or enhance the quality of life for 25 people.”

Although over 3 million people have signed up for the new registry, approximately 4,500 people in Illinois are on waiting lists for an organ transplant.

White continues to encourage Illinoisans to sign up to ensure their decision to donate organs and tissue is honored following their deaths. Due to the new law implemented Jan. 1, 2006, a person’s decision to donate is now legally binding. Previously, the decision remained with the person’s family. Therefore, donors who registered before Jan 1, 2006 need to re-register with the Secretary of State’s office to guarantee that their wishes to donate are fulfilled.

To join the new registry, Illinoisans can register by going to [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com), visit any Illinois state driver’s facility, or call the Illinois Secretary of State Organ/Tissue Donor Program at 1-800-210-2106.