



Jesse White

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Jesse White Honors South Suburban Hospital for National Eye Donor Month

Who: Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White

What: Will be visiting South Suburban Hospital, where he will honor and recognize the successes of eye organ and tissue donation and transplantation efforts during Illinois' National Eye Donor Month in March.

When: Wednesday, March 2nd, 10 a.m.

Where: South Suburban Hospital, 17800 S. Kedzie Ave. in Hazel Crest

White will be speaking at the hospital to kick off this year's awareness campaign for National Eye Donor Month.

Why: March is National Eye Donor Month. The Secretary of State's office is working together with Illinois Eye Bank and Gift of Hope to promote eye organ and tissue donor awareness and generate understanding about the importance of cornea donation and transplantation. South Suburban Hospital was chosen as the kickoff location because the hospital is a leader in cornea donation and transplantation.

Nationally, more than 100,000 people are currently waiting for organ and tissue donations. In Illinois, more than 5.58 million people have signed up for the registry. White is encouraging those who haven't registered since 2006 to register with the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Registry, which makes a person's decision to donate legally binding.

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