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**Give thanks. Give life.**

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"Encouraging organ and tissue donation is one of the most important life-saving actions that we can take in New York State," said State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) following **today's announcement** that Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed into law legislation O'Mara

co-sponsored this session authorizing 16 and 17 year olds to decide to make organ donations upon their death.

Today's action comes following a new law signed by the governor earlier this year -- a measure O'Mara also co-sponsored -- to extend New York's landmark organ donation initiative known as "Lauren's Law" for four additional years. Read more on that action **HERE**.

Read the Senator's column on organ donation, "**This law deserves four more years**"

To find out more, visit Donate Life America at **<http://donatelife.net/>**

Read more from the **New York State Department of Health** and the **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles**.

For more information and to sign up for the New York Donor Registry, visit **[liveonny.org](http://liveonny.org)**.