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## **North Dakota Receives National Honor for Achievement in Donor Registration**

North Dakota received a national honor of Excellence in Donor Designation for its achievement in increasing the number of registered organ, eye and tissue donors who save and heal lives. North Dakota has one of the highest rates for organ and tissue donation in the country, with about 70 percent of drivers taking part in the program compared with 43 percent nationally.

Susan Mau Larson, Director of Public Affairs for LifeSource, was in Bismarck today to present the Department with a silver medal from Donate Life America. Larson praised the Department for their role in reaching this level and says North Dakota has one of the highest donor registries in the country. "Citizens of North Dakota have a strong commitment to saving lives and I know we can continue to grow the number of donors across the state."

The NDDOT has a strong commitment in supporting the right of the state's citizens to make a personal decision about donation. NDDOT partners with LifeSource, the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation in the state, to provide education at all driver licensing offices.

North Dakotans have made the generous decision to save and heal lives by registering as organ, eye and tissue donors. Citizens in the state can register as a donor on their driver's license or state ID card, or online at [www.DonateLifeND.org](http://www.DonateLifeND.org).