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Left to right: Courtney Weiss, Joseph Czaplicki, Harvey Davis, Butch Dener,
Legislator Brian Shapiro, Legislator Robert Parete

National Organ Donor Awareness Month

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson has declared April as National Organ Donor Awareness Month.

Legislator Robert Parete, Chairman of the Health Services Committee and District No. 2 Legislator Brian Shapiro presented the proclamation to Butch Dener, Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Special guests included Joseph Czaplicki and Harvey Davis, both organ donor recipients, and Courtney Weiss, an advocate for existing laws concerning transplantation and suggestions for

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improving them. Shapiro said, “Giving life to another by donating an organ or tissue transplant is one of the most selfless human acts and the donor usually receives no tangible rewards or typically gains no fame or glory from the gesture.”

Donaldson said, “While each year in New York State more than 1500 kidneys, livers and hearts are transplanted, there remains more than 8,000 New Yorkers still on waiting lists, the need for organ donations far exceeds the supply.”

In making this proclamation, Donaldson asks all of Ulster County to join with him in recognizing the importance of organ and tissue donations and celebrating how we can each give the gift of life.

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