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PRESS RELEASE

Senator Isakson Declares March 2010 as "National Eye Donor Month"

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Georgia, entered a proclamation into the Congressional Record on February 23, 2010, declaring March 2010 as "National Eye Donor Month." This is the 27th Anniversary of National Eye Donor Month; President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Eye Donor Month in 1983.

Sen. Isakson urged everyone to appreciate the gift of sight that donors and their families have provided to humanity. "We should take time to honor past donors and their families for the tremendous gift of sight they have given," he said. "Corneal transplants cannot take place without the priceless gift of corneal donation from one human to another."

He also encouraged Americans to become donors and work with their local eye banks to increase donation awareness not just in their community, but throughout the country.

The complete proclamation is available on the EBAA website.

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation. The EBAA champions the restoration of sight through core services to its members which advance donation, transplantation and research in their communities and throughout the world. It has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for the distribution of eyes and comprehensive training and certification programs for eye banking personnel. These standards have been used as models for other transplantation organizations. Member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. These eye banks make possible more than 52,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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