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## **New Jersey launches online Donor Registry**

SPRINGFIELD – Joining the Donate Life NJ Donor Registry got easier this spring, thanks to the creation of an online portal that allows New Jersey residents to sign up online.

“The online Donor Registry enables all New Jersey residents with a state-issued license or identification card, age 18 or older, to register their decision to be an eye, organ and tissue donor online,” explains Margaret Chaplin, Director of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey (LEBNJ). “This means that New Jersey residents can join the Registry and be part of the computerized, confidential database without having to go the local Motor Vehicle Commission office.”

Before the online portal became available, residents could only join the Donor Registry by going to an MVC office. Unfortunately, under this system, if a person wanted to join the Registry when he or she was not renewing his or her driver’s license, there was an \$11 fee to make a change to the license. There is no fee, however, to register online.

The creation of the online portal was a provision of the New Jersey Hero Act, a piece of legislation that supports eye, organ and tissue donation. It was signed into law in July, 2008 by Senate President and acting Governor Richard Codey. The LEBNJ honored Codey as a 2009 Visionary of the Year because of his involvement with the Hero Act.

For more information about the importance of becoming an eye, organ and tissue donor and a link to the new online portal of the Donate Life NJ Donor Registry, visit [www.IJoined.org](http://www.IJoined.org).

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey is a subsidiary of Midwest Eye-Banks, a charitable not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions, promotes donation awareness through public and professional education, and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of corneal transplantation throughout the world. Visit [www.lionseyebanknj.org](http://www.lionseyebanknj.org) or call (800) 653-9379 for more information.

