WHEREAS,   *every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood; and*

WHEREAS,   *more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day; and*

WHEREAS,   *only 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood and less than 10 percent do so annually; and*

WHEREAS,   *one pint of blood can save up to three lives; and*

WHEREAS,   *if only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future; and*

WHEREAS,   *the City of Orlando, Church Street District, the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, WFTV Channel 9 and OneBlood, our local blood center, have joined together to create Give Life Orlando; and*

WHEREAS,   *Give Life Orlando will make it easy for all Downtowners to give blood to those in need; and*

WHEREAS,   *the City of Orlando recognizes the importance of all blood donations and the selfless act of kindness by blood donors;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, in recognition of the importance of donating blood to save lives, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2015 as

"Give Life Orlando Day"