



Eye Bank Association of America

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U.S. SENATOR SAXBY CHAMBLISS PROCLAIMS MARCH “NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH”

U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, R-Georgia, entered a proclamation into the Congressional Record today, declaring March 2009 as “National Eye Donor Month.” This is the 26th Anniversary of National Eye Donor Month; President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Eye Donor Month in 1983.

Senator Chambliss urged Americans to work with the eye banking community and consider becoming eye donors. “I urge my colleagues and all Americans to consider becoming eye donors to allow for the miracle of sight that so many of us take for granted,” he said.

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 is dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion and advancement of eye banking. 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 50,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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