

City and County of Denver



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *National Donate Life Month encourages Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors while raising awareness and honoring those that have saved lives through the gift of donation; and*

WHEREAS, *currently there are 1,511 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming and of those waiting, 1,251 are waiting for a kidney – the organ most in need – and 156 are waiting for a liver; and,*

WHEREAS, *Colorado has the nation's highest-performing state donor registry with 67 percent of driver license/ID card applicants signing up to be organ and tissue donors – a decision that reflects deep commitment to one another; and*

WHEREAS, *one donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and*

WHEREAS, *a record 234 organ donors helped perform 642 life-saving transplants in 2021 – an 8.8 percent increase in organ donors and 3.3 percent increase in life saving transplants compared to 2020; and*

WHEREAS, *the City and County of Denver joins Donor Alliance in encouraging those who can to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim **APRIL 2022**, to be known as:

“DONATE LIFE MONTH”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 1st day of April 2022

MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
MAYOR

