

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Colorado has the nation's highest-performing state donor registry with 67% 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 8 lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, Donor Alliance completed a record 234 organ donations and 642 life-saving transplants occurred in 2021; and

WHEREAS, there was an 8.8% increase in organ donors and 3.3% increase in life saving transplants in 2021 compared to 2020 in Colorado and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 2,082 donors in 2021; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,500 people are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming, and of those, many are waiting for a kidney and 156 are waiting for a liver; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the U.S. officially surpassed 40,000 transplants in one year, a historic first for the nation; and

WHEREAS, Donor Alliance's Donor Service Area includes almost 6 million residents and covers 184,151 square miles, including all of Colorado and most of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 and 2021 fatalities of those on the Colorado organ transplant waitlist decreased by 56%; and

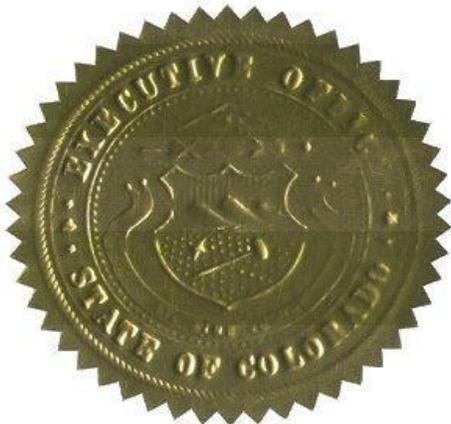
WHEREAS, organ and tissue donation is made possible by the Donor Alliance in Colorado and Wyoming and all organ procurement organizations across America;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of April, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*