



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 eight lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, a record 234 organ donors and 642 life-saving transplants in 2021; that’s an 8.8% increase in organ donors and 3.3% increase in life saving transplants compared to 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, there are 1,511 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming. Of those waiting, 1,251 are waiting for a kidney—the organ most in need—and 156 are waiting for a liver; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has officially surpassed 40,000 transplants in one year, a historic first for the nation which is a testament to the lifesaving work being done daily by Donor Alliance in Colorado and Wyoming and all organ procurement organizations across America; and

WHEREAS, Donor Alliance’s Donor Service Area serves 6.3 million residents and covers 184,151 square miles – this includes all of Colorado and most of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic 56% decrease in deaths on the Colorado organ transplant waitlist in the past 5 years (2016-2021).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of April, A.D. 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk