



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

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, 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 Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 2,082 tissue donors resulting in over 156,150 tissue grafts becoming available for those in need; 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 day 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, there has been a dramatic 56% decrease in deaths on the Colorado organ transplant waitlist in the past 5 years (2016-2021).

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Lakewood, I, Adam Paul, Mayor of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the City of Lakewood, this 1st day of April 2022

Adam Paul, Mayor

