

**CITY OF THORNTON
PROCLAMATION**

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, this April 2023 is the 20th National Donate Life Month with a goal to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation; encourage Americans to register as donors; and honor 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 confirms that there is good inside all of us; 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 278 heroic organ donors saved 740 lives in 2022, a 29% increase from 2021; and Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,911 heroic tissue donors saving and healing with nearly 144,000 tissue grafts; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,500 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming. Of those waiting, nearly 1,200 are waiting for a kidney—the organ most in need—and nearly 120 are waiting for a liver; and

WHEREAS, the United States has officially achieved its one millionth organ transplant, including the more than 42,800 organ transplants performed in 2022, another historic first for the nation which is a testament to the lifesaving work being done day by Donor Alliance 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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jan Kulmann, Mayor of the City of Thornton, Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as National Donate Life Month in the City of Thornton.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

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Jan Kulmann, Mayor

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2023.

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Kristen N. Rosenbaum, City Clerk