

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

# Proclamation

## NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

**April 2023**

- WHEREAS,** this April 2023 is 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8 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 U.S. has officially has achieved its 1 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tom Strand, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

## NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Colorado Springs.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2023.

Tom Strand, President  
Colorado Springs City Council