



TOWN OF EAGLE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

Whereas, April is National Donate Life Month, which 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 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, There were a record 278 organ donors and 740 life-saving transplants in 2022 (which is a 19% increase in organ donors and 29% increase in life-saving transplants compared to 2021). Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,911 tissue donors, resulting in over 143,325 tissue grafts becoming available for those in need; 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. officially achieved its 1 millionth organ transplant, including 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 daily 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

Whereas, There has been a dramatic 56% decrease in deaths on the Colorado organ transplant waitlist in the past 5 years (2016-2021); and

Whereas, The Chris Klug Foundation (CKF), a national nonprofit located in Aspen, Colorado, supports the efforts of Donor Alliance by promoting organ, eye, and tissue donation through inspiration, education, and registration. During 2022, CKF inspired and educated over half a million individuals nationwide; and

Whereas, April 2023 is the 20th anniversary of National Donate Life Month.

Now, therefore, I, Scott Turnipseed, Mayor of the Town of Eagle of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as National Donate Life Month.