



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, more than 19,998 individuals in California that are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs; and

**WHEREAS**, Donor Network West serves as the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization in Northern/Central California and Northern Nevada and works in close partnership with families, doctors, nurses, and coroners in hospitals to connect donors to recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, organ and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need that save thousands of lives each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Asian, Hispanic and African American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

**WHEREAS**, over fourteen million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored; and

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

## National Donate Life Month

in the City of Tulare and encourage all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card or by signing up at [donornetworkwest.org](http://donornetworkwest.org).

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.



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Terry A. Sayre, Mayor

*Patrick Isherwood*  
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