



**WHEREAS**, while National Donate Life Month is a time to bring attention to organ donation, it also highlights the life-changing benefits of eye and tissue donation. It is a time to spotlight the donors who give the gift of life, recipients whose lives have been saved and enhanced, and those who died waiting to receive their gift; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, more than 48,000 transplants from 24,000 donors brought renewed life to patients and their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 100,000 people are waiting on the national transplant waiting list for lifesaving organ transplants, with nearly 60% of patients from multicultural communities, 86% of patients are waiting for a kidney, and 9% are in need of a liver; and

**WHEREAS**, another person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 8 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Donate Life Texas Registry ([www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org)) is the official registry for organ, eye, and tissue donation in the State of Texas. Just one person who registers their intent to donate their organs, corneas, and tissue might save up to 8 lives through organ donation and save or heal 75 or more through tissue and corneal (eye) donation; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 7, 2025, there were 104,727 people on the National Transplant Waiting List (up from 103,223 at this time last year) and 10,719 of them are our fellow Texans (up from 10,206 at this time last year); and

**WHEREAS**, over 15 million Texans have registered as organ, eye, and tissue donors, on the Donate Life Texas Registry. Using 2020 U.S. Census data, an astonishing 96% of eligible Williamson County residents are registered donors; and

**WHEREAS**, almost every part of your body can be donated to save and heal. This includes the heart, lungs, liver, kidney, pancreas, and small intestine for organ donation. Tissue grafts including bone, skin, veins, ligaments and tendons, nerves, and heart valves (pediatric and adult), may also be donated, along with corneas; and

**WHEREAS**, Justices of the Peace provide donation agencies with information that can help donation agencies connect with donor families, so that donation decisions can be honored, and our very own Williamson County JPs do this very effectively.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims April 2025 as:

**“NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY”**

And encourage its residents of all ages to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Valerie Covey, Presiding Officer

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members