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WHEREAS, April is celebrated as National Donate Life Month, a time to bring attention to organ, eye, and tissue donation, highlighting recipients and donors alike; and

WHEREAS, April 19 – 25 is National Pediatric Transplant Week, taking place annually during the last full week (Sunday-Saturday) of National Donate Life Month in April; and

WHEREAS, pediatric transplants differ slightly from other organ donations — as organ size is critical to a successful transplant, children often respond better to child-sized organs; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life America reports that more than 2,200 children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list, and that 27% of children waiting for an organ transplant are under 5 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, 1,874 children received lifesaving transplants, matched from nearly 900 pediatric organ donors; and

WHEREAS, while the donors ranged in age from newborns to 17, most were between 11 and 17 years old — though in 2023, 99 pediatric organ donors were under the age of 12 months; and

WHEREAS:

- Most children under the age of 1 are waiting for a liver or heart transplant
- Most children ages 1–5 are waiting for a kidney, heart, or liver transplant
- Most children ages 6–10 are waiting for a kidney or heart transplant
- Most children ages 11–17 are primarily waiting for a kidney transplant

Children are also on the pediatric transplant waiting list for donor lung, intestine and pancreas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims April 2026 as **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** and the last full week in April, 19th – 25th, 2026 as **NATIONAL PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANT WEEK** in Williamson County.

And encourage its residents of all ages to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors by going to the National Donate Life Registry at registerme.org.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Steven Snell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members