

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-47

Proclaiming April 2023 as National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, one organ donor HERO can save the lives of eight people through the donation of organs, and improve the lives of up to 75 people with eye and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 20,000 patients continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants on the California waitlist, including 1,500 in our service area; and

WHEREAS, every day 22 people die on the waitlist because of the shortage of organ donors; and every year one-million people need cornea or tissue transplants; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Donor Services serves the Northern California and Northern Nevada communities and is the center of a dynamic, interconnected system supporting donor families, local hospitals, and transplant centers in the vital mission of saving and improving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Sierra Donor Services, for the second year in a row and through a pandemic, facilitated the transplant of 401 organs with a record number of heart, lung and pancreas transplants, saving more lives than ever before thanks to the selfless generosity of 153 organ donors and 881 tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, we honor all those who have given the extraordinary gift of life through living and deceased donation; and

WHEREAS, we encourage every Californian to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors on their driver's license or ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles or online at donatelifecalifornia.org, and talk to their family about giving the Gift of Life through organ, eye and tissue donation regardless of their age or medical history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the Month of April 2023, as National Donate Life Month in recognition of the need for life-saving organ transplants in California and encourages people to register to be organ and tissue donors to provide the "gift of life."

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors