

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-45

Proclaiming April 2024 as National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 Americans and 20,000 Californians are currently on the national transplant waiting list; and

WHEREAS, another person is added to the waiting list every eight minutes, and, on average, seventeen people die each day while waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to address this health crisis is to educate and to encourage citizens to commit to the following actions: register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor in the National Donate Life Registry at DonateLifeCalifornia.org or at your local DMV, and learn more about living donation at DonateLife.net; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Donor Services serves at the center of a dynamic, interconnected system that involves donor families, local hospitals and transplant centers across Northern California, including the greater Yolo region, in the delicate and time-sensitive mission of saving lives through transplant; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Sierra Donor Services had its most successful year in its nearly 40-year history, making 442 organ transplants possible thanks to the selfless generosity of 171 Northern California organ donors; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Yolo County, California, feels that the Donate Life cause of saving and healing lives through organ, eye and tissue donation is of such immediate and worthwhile importance; and

WHEREAS, by becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than seventy-five people. During National Donate Life Month, we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors, donor families and living donors; we recognize the commitment of medical professionals, researchers, national partners and all those who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through donation and transplantation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as National Donate Life Month in recognition of the need for life-saving organ transplants in California and encourages all residents to register their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor in the National Donate Life Registry at DonateLifeCalifornia.org or at your local California DMV.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of April 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors