

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-45

Recognizing the Month of April 2026 as National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month is observed annually to acknowledge the compassion and generosity of registered donors, donor families and living donors, and recognize the commitment of medical professionals, researchers, national partners and all those who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 Americans and over 19,000 Californians are currently on the national transplant waiting list, and nearly 80% are people of color; 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 California DMV; 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 Sacramento region, in the delicate and time-sensitive mission of saving lives through transplant; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Sierra Donor Services made 422 organ transplants possible thanks to the selfless generosity of 170 Northern California organ donors. A total of 855 tissue donors, including musculoskeletal and heart valve donors, contributed to saving and improving lives. Sierra Eye Bank transplanted 1,239 corneas, restoring sight to many people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of April 2026 as National Donate Life Month to honor the importance of healing lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors