



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this April is the twenty-first National Donate Life Month with a goal to raise awareness about organ, eye and tissue donation, encourage Americans to register as donors and honor those that have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been one of the leaders in the nation with a donor registry of 66.21 percent of driver license/ID card applicants signing up to be organ and tissue donors, and Fort Collins remains in the top five cities in Colorado with a Donor Designation rate of 71.4 percent – a decision that reflects deep commitment to one another and confirms that there is good inside all of us; and

WHEREAS, one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, a record 307 heroic organ donors provided 918 lifesaving transplants which is a 10.6 percent increase from 2022; and Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,703 heroic tissue donors saving and healing with nearly 144,000 tissue grafts; and

WHEREAS, registering gives hope back to the more than 1,300 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for the gift of life.

WHEREAS, organ, eye and tissue donation would not be possible without our community coming together for one united purpose. Saying “Yes” to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, you are not just checking a box – you are saving and healing lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of April, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk