

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, Colorado has led the nation with more than two-thirds of Coloradans registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donors at the DMV—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 can help restore sight in up to 2 people through cornea transplants; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado and most of Wyoming in 2024, a record 311 heroic organ donors provided 947 lifesaving transplants, and 1,860 heroic tissue donors saved and healed nearly 144,000 with tissue grafts; and

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

WHEREAS, Fort Collins recognizes that organ, eye and tissue donation would not be possible without our community coming together, and by saying "Yes" to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, you're not just checking a box—you're saving and healing lives.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of April, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk