

CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Organ donation is a selfless gift that, in 2023, saved more than 43,600 lives across our country; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Transplant Network, our local organ procurement organization serving all of Kansas and the western two-thirds of Missouri, coordinated 988 organ transplants and more than 1,399 tissue and cornea donations to save and heal more than 112,700 people in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Midwest Transplant Network is to save lives by honoring the gift of organ and tissue donation with dignity and compassion; the organization is leading organ and tissue donation through excellence, quality and partnership; and

WHEREAS, The number of people on the organ transplant waiting list continues to far exceed the number of registered donors; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of our country's population supports organ donation but only 60 percent are registered as donors; and

WHEREAS, A single donor can save as many as eight lives and improve up to 100 more; and

WHEREAS, Registering as an organ donor takes only seconds online at [ShareLifeMidwest.com](https://www.sharelifemidwest.com) or at local licensing, treasury or Department of Revenue offices; and

WHEREAS, April is National Donate Life Month — a time when local, regional and national activities focus on encouraging organ donor registration; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Transplant Network is simultaneously running the Green Ribbon Campaign to further raise awareness of the critical need for registered organ and tissue donors and to encourage residents to give hope and share life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David E. Waters, Mayor of the City of Westwood, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as Donate Life Month in Westwood, Kansas to honor all those who have made the decision to donate life, to focus attention on the critical need for donation and to encourage all Kansas residents to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS
THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.**

David E. Waters
Mayor

ATTEST:

Abby Schneweis
City Clerk