



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** National Donate Life Month is an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and to encourage more Americans to follow their fine example;
- WHEREAS,** even though more and more Americans are embracing the "Gift of Life" through organ and tissue donation, thousands of Americans are awaiting transplants;
- WHEREAS,** 120,769 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants nationally with 2,409 people waiting solely in Colorado and Wyoming. Of those people, 98,916 are in need of a kidney transplant and 15,665 are in need of a liver transplant nationally. In 2013, Donor Alliance recovered organs and tissue for transplant from 408 donors; of those 59% were on either the Donate Life Colorado or Wyoming Registry;
- WHEREAS,** 15% of current transplant candidates in Colorado have been on the waiting list for 5 or more years, and 46% of those are between 50 and 64 years of age;
- WHEREAS,** one donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 100 lives through tissue donation. Last year approximately 1,500,000 tissue transplants were performed, but unfortunately, on average 20 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant;
- WHEREAS,** every 12 minutes another name is added to the transplant waiting list; and
- WHEREAS,** by saying yes to organ and tissue donation on their driver's licenses, adding their name to donor registries, and talking with their families about their decision, citizens can help save lives and contribute to a more compassionate and hopeful society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carol Dodge, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014 as:

DONATE LIFE MONTH

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado this 10th day of March 2014.

CAROL DODGE
MAYOR PRO TEM

