



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** April 2025 is the **22nd Annual National Donate Life Month**, a time to raise awareness for 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,** 95% of Americans support organ donation, but only 48% register; yet 1 deceased donor can save 8 lives through organ donation, heal 75 lives through tissue donation, and help restore sight in 2 people through cornea transplants; and
- Whereas,** 1 blood donor can save up to 3 lives; 1 bone marrow or blood stem cell donor can cure someone's blood cancer; and 1 living donor can donate a kidney, and/or part of their liver, lung, pancreas, or small intestine; and
- Whereas,** Colorado has led the nation with more than 2/3 of Coloradans selflessly registering to be organ, eye, and tissue donors at the DMV; and
- Whereas,** In Colorado in 2024, a record 311 heroic organ donors provided 947 lifesaving transplants; and 1,860 heroic tissue donors saved and healed nearly 144,000 individuals through tissue grafts; and more than 205,600 people registered as blood donors, giving more than 244,000 units of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma; and
- Whereas,** Registering gives hope to the 1,300+ people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado, while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for giving the gift of life; and
- Whereas,** Organ, eye and tissue donation is only possible with our communities and partners coming together for one united purpose. Saying "Yes" to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor is not just checking a box, it is saving and healing lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Abram Herman, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

## *"National Donate Life Month"*

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all community members of Grand Junction to recognize the importance of organ and tissue donation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Mayor

