

*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

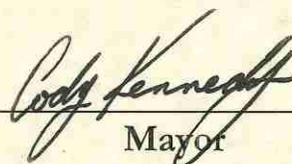
- Whereas,** April 2026 marks the 23rd National Donate Life Month, a time to raise awareness of organ, eye, and tissue donation, encourage Americans to register as donors, and honor those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation; and
- Whereas,** Colorado has been a leader in the nation with nearly 900,000 Coloradans registering to be organ, eye, and tissue donors at the DMV; and
- Whereas,** Donor Alliance, along with their Colorado State Team community partner, the Chris Klug Foundation, educate residents in Colorado and Wyoming on the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation, inspire them to register as donors, and encourage them to share their decision with their family; and
- Whereas,** one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation, restore sight in up to 2 people through cornea transplants, and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and
- Whereas,** in Colorado and most of Wyoming in 2025, a record 314 heroic organ donors provided 1,036 lifesaving transplants, and 1,880 heroic tissue donors saved and healed more than 140,000 lives with tissue grafts; and
- Whereas,** registering gives hope to more than 1,400 people in Colorado and Wyoming waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for the gift of life; and
- 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 means you are not just checking a box—you are saving and healing lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 2026 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

  
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Mayor

