



# Grand Junction

State of Colorado

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month creates an important opportunity to educate Grand Junction residents about the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation; and*

*WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Grand Junction and Colorado residents have chosen to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors—a decision that reflects deep commitment to one another; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1988, nearly 2,500 Coloradans have donated lifesaving organs after death to patients in need; and*

*WHEREAS, despite the profound generosity of these donors, 2,400 Colorado men, women, and children continue to wait for a lifesaving organ transplant; and*

*WHEREAS, together, we can respond to the shortage that keeps thousands of patients from receiving lifesaving organs; and*

*WHEREAS, we can further improve lives through the lifesaving and healing gifts of eye, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation; and*

*WHEREAS, Donor Alliance and the Donate Life Colorado community call upon our state's health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to join forces to boost the number of organ, eye, and tissue donors throughout our state; and*

*WHEREAS, residents of Grand Junction and the Western Slope are encouraged to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation, consider signing up on the Donate Life Colorado Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, and talk to family and friends about their decision; and*

*WHEREAS, Grand Junction businesses are urged to participate in National Donate Life Month, utilizing available resources to educate patrons on the facts behind organ, eye, and tissue donation.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as*

### ***“Donate Life Grand Junction Month”***

*in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all the citizens 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014.*

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Mayor

