

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor in our country or state brings hope to the 115,000 Americans currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Organ and tissue donation saves and heals lives, while cornea donation gives the gift of sight to those who have lost it; and
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. Department of Health & Humans Services estimates 22 people in the U.S. die each day because they don't receive an organ transplant, and every 10 minutes someone new is added to the organ donation waiting list; and
- WHEREAS,** One organ, eye and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives; and
- WHEREAS,** 95% of U.S. adults support organ donation *but only* 54% are actually registered as donors nationwide. In the state of Nevada, over 1.2 million adults are registered, which is 60% of the state's population according to the last U.S. Census report. This means our state is above the national average of 54%, but under the highest donor designation states which are close to 90%; and
- WHEREAS,** Nevada Donor Network would like to help Nevadans lead the nation in donor designation with the help of Washoe County's residents. Registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor is easy; and
- WHEREAS,** Being the only Nevada based Organ procurement Organization (OPO), Nevada Donor Network would like to bring hope to the 581 Nevadans waiting for a second chance at life. With the help of community partners such as Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office (WCRMEO) and more local organizations, we stand as Nevadans for Nevada and promote National Donate Life Month to save and heal lives together;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2018, as

~ National Donate Life Month ~

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



*Marsha Berkbigler*  
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Washoe County Commission