



**MEMORANDUM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 28, 2023  
**FROM:** Jane Christenson, County Executive Officer  
**BY:** Jennifer Grappasonno, Board Support Services Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation – April 2023 “Donate Life Month”

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Proclamation establishing April 2023 as “Donate Life Month” in Placer County.

**BACKGROUND**

Sierra Donor Services serves the Northern California and Northern Nevada communities and is the center of a dynamic, interconnected system supporting donor families, local hospitals, and transplant centers in the vital mission of saving and improving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation. In 2022, Sierra Donor Services, for the second year in and row and during a pandemic, facilitated the transplant of 401 organs, saving more lives than ever before thanks to the selfless generosity of 153 organ donors and 881 tissue donors.

There are currently more than 107,000 patients on the national waitlist for life-saving transplants, including 1,500 in the local service area. Every day, the lives of up to 22 people are lost due to the shortage of organ donors and every year one million people need cornea or tissue transplant. One organ donor can save the lives of 8 people through the donation of organs and improve the lives of up to 75 people with eye and tissue donation.

We honor all those who have given the extraordinary gift of life through living and deceased donation. Californians can register to be organ donors regardless of their age or medical history. We encourage every Californian to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver’s license or ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles, or online at [donatelifecalifornia.org](http://donatelifecalifornia.org) and talk to their family about giving the Gift of Life through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Proclamation

# COUNTY OF PLACER



## Proclamation

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### PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2022 AS “DONATE LIFE MONTH” IN PLACER COUNTY.

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**WHEREAS**, one organ donor HERO can save the lives of 8 people through the donation of organs, and improve the lives of up to 75 people with eye and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 107,000 patients continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants on the national waitlist, including 1,500 in our service area; and

**WHEREAS**, every day 22 people on the waitlist die because of the shortage of organ donors; and every year one-million people need cornea or tissue transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra Donor Services serves the Northern California and Northern Nevada communities and is the center of a dynamic, interconnected system supporting donor families, local hospitals, and transplant centers in the vital mission of saving and improving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 Sierra Donor Services, for the second year in a row and through a pandemic, facilitated the transplant of 401 organs, saving more lives than ever before thanks to the selfless generosity of 153 organ donors and 881 tissue donors; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 18 Placer County patients who became organ donors, and 42 Placer County patients received organ transplants in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor all those who have given the extraordinary gift of life through living and deceased donation; and

**WHEREAS**, Californians can register to be donors regardless of their age or medical history; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage every Californian to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver’s license or ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles, or online at [donatelifecalifornia.org](http://donatelifecalifornia.org), and talk to their family about giving the Gift of Life through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held March 28, 2023, proclaiming the month of April 2023 as “Donate Life Month”.

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Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3  
Chair 2023

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