

# PROCLAMATION

## *National Donate Life Month*

**WHEREAS**, Organ, eye and tissue donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 123,000 individuals nationwide and more than 600 in Nevada are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 21 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs; and

**WHEREAS**, The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, A single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives and the donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 50 others; and

**WHEREAS**, Millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, eyes and tissues and the spirit of giving and the decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly 870,000 Nevadans have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life Nevada Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored;

**WHEREAS**, Nevadans can sign up with the Donate Life Nevada Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles or online by visiting [donatelifenv.org](http://donatelifenv.org) on their computers, tablets or smartphones; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that April 2015 is National Donate Life Month in Washoe County, and in doing so the Board encourages all Nevadans to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [donatelifenv.org](http://donatelifenv.org).

**ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Marsha Berkgigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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