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Proclamation

WHEREAS, many Washingtonians have given the gift of life by donating organs, eyes, and tissues, and it is essential that everyone is aware of the opportunity to save and enhance the lives of others through organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, more than 107,000 Americans are on the transplant list, and each day, 20 of them die while waiting for an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, all Washingtonians are encouraged to think about their loved ones, consider becoming a donor, discuss their decision with those close to them, and – if they decide to donate - ,visit www.LCNW.org and sign up in our state's donor registry; and

WHEREAS, organ donation offers recipients a second chance at life, enabling them to be with their families and maintain a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, friends and families of donors should be commended for choosing, in the midst of their grief, to ensure that in the death of their loved one, others receive life; and

WHEREAS, during National Donate Life Month, we celebrate those who provide vital organ, eye, and tissue donations, and we bring new hope to the growing list of men, women, and children who still need a donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2022, as

Donate Life Month

in Washington, and I call upon health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to join forces to boost the number of organ and tissue donors throughout our state.

Signed this 9th day of February, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

