



**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION**

**A Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as
National Donate Life Month**

WHEREAS, April 2024 is the 21st National Donate Life Month with a goal to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation, encourage Americans to register as donors, and honor those that have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been one of the leaders in the nation with a donor registry of 66.21% of driver license/ID card applicants signing up to be organ and tissue donors—a decision that reflects deep commitment to one another and confirms that there is good inside all of us; and

WHEREAS, one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation, and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, a record 307 heroic organ donors provided 918 lifesaving transplants in 2023, which is a 10.6% increase from the prior year; and Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,703 heroic tissue donors saving and healing with nearly 144,000 tissue grafts; and

WHEREAS, registering gives hope back to the more than 1,300 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming, while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for the gift of life; and

WHEREAS, the Chris Klug Foundation, a national nonprofit that promotes organ, eye, and tissue donation awareness, reached a record-breaking 1,035,237 individuals nationwide in 2023 with their lifesaving message; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donation would not be possible without our community coming together for one united purpose. By saying “Yes” to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, you're not just checking a box—you're saving and healing lives.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Ridgway Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as National Donate Life Month in the Town of Ridgway, Colorado.

PROCLAIMED THIS 10th day of April 2024.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

BY:


John I. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Kraft, Town Clerk