

Council Meeting Staff Report

April 4, 2017

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Title

Proclamation declaring the Month of April as "Donate Life Month" in Los Alamos County (accepted by Kathie Walters)

Body

WHEREAS: One HERO donor can save the lives of eight people through the donation of organs, and improve the lives of up to 75 people with eye and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS: More than 119,000 patients continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants on the national list, including 706 New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS: Every day, 22 people who are on the waiting list die because of the shortage of organ donors, and every year one million people need cornea or tissue transplants; and

WHEREAS: New Mexicans can register to be donors regardless of their age or medical history; and

WHEREAS: We honor all those who have given the extraordinary gift of life through living and deceased donation; and

WHEREAS: We encourage every citizen of Los Alamos County to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver's license or ID Card at the Motor Vehicle Division, or on-line at NMdonor.org; we encourage them to talk to their family about giving the Gift of Life;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2017 as

"DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Los Alamos County, and ask our citizens to consider signing up this month to be an organ donor in order to save lives.