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Council Meeting Staff Report

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Presenters: County Council - Regular Session
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Title

Proclamation declaring the Month of April as "Donate Life Month" in Los Alamos County (accepted by Cathy Walters and representatives of the local Donate Life Committee)

Body

WHEREAS: During Donate Life Month, we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors, donor families and living donors, and recognize the commitment of medical professionals who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation; and

WHEREAS: By becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of up to 75 people; and

WHEREAS: More than 116,000 patients continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants on the national list, including 750 New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS: Another person is added to the waiting list every ten minutes, and on average, 20 people who are on the waiting list die because the organs they need are not donated in time; and

WHEREAS: The most effective way to address this health crisis is to educate and encourage individuals to register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor; and

WHEREAS: It is easy for citizens in Los Alamos County to register as an organ and tissue donor at the Motor Vehicle Division when obtaining a license or ID card;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2018 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.