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RESOLUTION NO. 220340

Recognizing the month of April 2022 as Donate Life Month to honor all those who have made the decision to donate life, to focus attention on the critical need for donation, and to encourage all Kansas City residents to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

WHEREAS, organ donation is a selfless gift that, in 2021, saved more than 34,800 lives across our country, where a single donor can save as many as eight lives and improve up to 100 more; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Transplant Network, our local organ procurement organization serving all of Kansas and the western two-thirds of Missouri, coordinated 981 organ transplants and more than 1,864 tissue and cornea donations to save and heal more than 186,400 people in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Midwest Transplant Network is to save lives by honoring the gift of organ and tissue donation with dignity and compassion; the organization is leading organ and tissue donation through excellence, quality, and partnership; and

WHEREAS, the number of people on the organ transplant waiting list continues to far exceed the number of registered donors, registering as an organ donor takes only seconds online at [ShareLifeMidwest.com](https://www.sharelifemidwest.com) or at local licensing, treasury, or Department of Revenue Offices; and

WHEREAS, April is National Donate Life Month - a time when local, regional and national activities focus on encouraging organ donor registration; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Transplant Network is simultaneously running the Green Ribbon Campaign to further raise awareness of the critical need for registered organ and tissue donors and to encourage residents to give hope and share life; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize the month of April 2022 as "Donate Life Month" in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Midwest Transplant Network with the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the continued work in raising awareness on this critical need.