## TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION NO. 3 SERIES OF 2024

## A PROCLAMATION National Donate Life Month

Whereas, April 2024 is the 21<sup>st</sup> National Donate Life Month, dedicated to raising awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation, encouraging Americans to register as donors, and honoring 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 and ID card applicants signing up to be organ and tissue donors; 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 a 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 Town of Snowmass Village Council, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of Town of Snowmass Village and Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as National Donate Life Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2024.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

Bill Madsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk