

# City of Sparks

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, nearly 600 individuals in Nevada are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs;

**WHEREAS**, Donor Network West serves as the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization in northern Nevada since 1987 and works in close partnership with families, doctors, nurses, and coroners in northern Nevada hospitals to connect donors to recipient;

**WHEREAS**, organ and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need that save thousands of lives each year;

**WHEREAS**, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others;

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and over 1 Million Nevadans have signed up with the state-authorized Nevada Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored;

**WHEREAS**, Nevada residents can sign up with the Nevada Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as:

### **"NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH"**

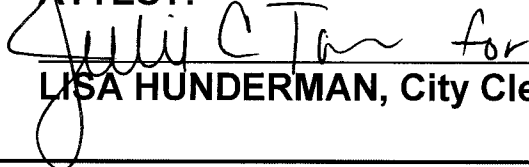
in the City of Sparks, and in doing so we encourage all Nevadans to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [donornetworkwest.org](http://donornetworkwest.org).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



**RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk**

