



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #24-25/2
In Recognition of National Multicultural Organ Donor
Awareness Month – August 2024**

WHEREAS, one organ 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, every day 22 people die on the waitlist because of the shortage of organ donors; and every year one-million people need cornea or tissue transplants; and

WHEREAS, on the national waitlist, more than 62,000 patients of color continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants, making up 60% of the those on the waitlist; and

WHEREAS, on the state waitlist, more than 16,000 patients of color continue to wait for life-saving organ transplants, making up 80% of the those on the waitlist; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,400 patients of color waiting for life-saving organ transplants in our local service area; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Donor Services serves the Northern California and Northern Nevada communities and is the center of a dynamic, interconnected system supporting donor families, local hospitals, and transplant centers in the vital mission of saving and improving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Sierra Donor Services facilitated the transplant of 438 organs with a record number of heart, lung and pancreas transplants, saving more lives than ever before thanks to the selfless generosity of 190 organ donors and 881 tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, Californians can register to be donors regardless of their age or medical history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools proclaim August 2024 as National Multicultural Organ Donor Awareness Month and encourages all residents in Yolo County to register as organ, eye, and tissue donor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools encourage every Californian to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors on their driver's license or ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and to talk to their family about giving the Gift of Life through organ, eye and tissue donation; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on August 13, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip

NOES: None

ABSENT: Zendejas



Shelton Yip, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
County Superintendent of Schools