

Imagine a world where everyone who needs a kidney – gets one.

Saving Lives through Organ Donation.

Will you join us?

#### The issue

Kidney disease is a **silent killer**. Dialysis allows patients survive for a time, but only a kidney transplant let's them live. Right now over 3,500 British Columbians are on dialysis & **50% of them will die** before they get a kidney transplant.

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## The challenge

**95%** of British Columbians say they support organ donation, but **only 20%** have actually registered on the official organ donor registry.

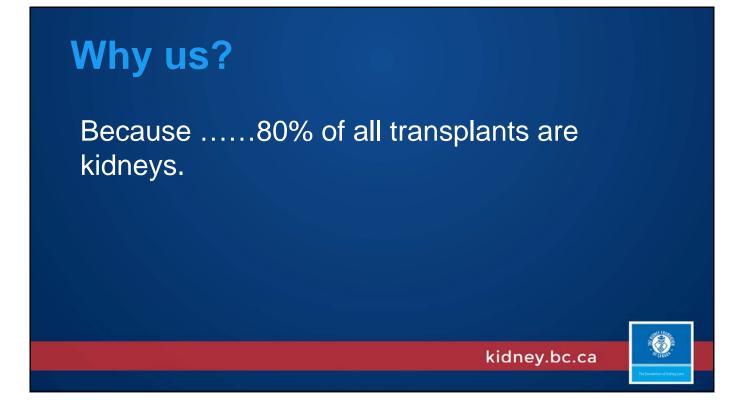
#### **Our position**

We cannot stand by while people die needlessly. We must act now to give hope to kidney patients who need a life-saving transplant.

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## Our goal

To save lives through increasing the number of registered organ donors in BC & the Yukon.



## We also know

...that when someone registers as an organ donor up to 8 people may ultimately benefit from this generous gift.

#### Will you join us?

...to save lives through encouraging the Union of BC Municipalities to support a resolution on organ donor registration?

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# **The UBCM resolution**

WHEREAS organ donation saves lives;

WHEREAS one in 10 of the citizens living in our communities is affected by kidney disease for which an organ donation is the best available option for a patient to live well and contribute fully to their family and their community;

WHEREAS BC has one of the lowest organ donor registration rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the Kidney Foundation has challenged all Mayors and Council Members to Save Lives by raising awareness for Organ Donor Registration in their communities;

## **The UBCM resolution**

AND WHEREAS Mayors and Council Members have the leadership and resolve to encourage citizens in their communities to register as organ donors,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon all Mayors and Council Members to accept the Kidney Foundation's challenge to Save Lives Through Organ Donation in their communities, and to work with the Foundation to increase the number of people registered as organ donors in their respective communities.

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Thank you....

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