

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL AS DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH

WHEREAS, organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need;

WHEREAS, more than 112,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs;

WHEREAS, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities;

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 units of blood per year are required to meet the need in California;

WHEREAS, each year, there are 18,000 patients in need of volunteer marrow donors;

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 more than 75 others; and a single blood donation can help three people in need;

WHEREAS, millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood;

WHEREAS the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition;

WHEREAS, over sixteen million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ, eye and tissue donors are honored;

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

WHEREAS, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation are encouraged to visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org for more information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2020 is hereby proclaimed "**DMV/Donate Life Month**" in the City of Garden Grove, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

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