

Proclamation

April as DMV/Donate Life 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 108,000 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;

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

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 deceased organ donors saved more than 33,000 lives last year, the most ever;

WHEREAS, any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;

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 can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or, for Spanish-speakers, www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org or visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org for saving a life through a living kidney donation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the City of Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as **"DMV/Donate Life Month"** in Garden Grove, and all are encouraged to participate by checking "Yes" as a life-saving donor when applying or renewing your driver's license or Identification Cards.

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