

## PROCLAMATION

### 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, 106,474 individuals nationwide are 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](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org) for more information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Garden Grove City Council recognizes April 2023 as "**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](http://www.donateLIFecalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org).

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