

## 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, one person can save eight lives and enhance 75 others through organ, eye and tissue donation;

WHEREAS, Nearly 114,000 Americans are currently waiting for an organ transplant, nearly 22,000 live in California, where an organ transplant is their only remaining medical option;

WHEREAS, on average, 150 people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each – one every ten minutes;

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 2024 as "**Donate Life Month**" in the City of Garden Grove, and in doing so 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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