

# *Proclamation*

## *Donate Life Month*

- Whereas,* organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and
- 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; and
- Whereas,* the need for donated organs is especially urgent in *Hispanic, Latino, and African American* communities; and
- Whereas,* a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives and donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others; and
- Whereas,* any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions, even deceased organ donors saved more than 33,000 lives last year, the most ever; and
- Whereas,* over seventeen 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; and
- Whereas,* California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor 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.donateLIFEdcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEdcalifornia.org); and
- Whereas,* California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit [www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org).

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2021 is hereby proclaimed “**DMV/Donate Life Month**” in the City of Manhattan Beach, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check “YES!” online, or when applying for or renewing their driver's license or *ID* card at the *DMV*.

*Dated* this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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MAYOR SUZANNE HADLEY

