



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
PROCLAIMING
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; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 113,000 INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN 21,000 IN CALIFORNIA ARE CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST, AND ON AVERAGE, 20 PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY WHILE WAITING DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF DONATED ORGANS; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEED FOR DONATED ORGANS IS ESPECIALLY URGENT IN HISPANIC AND AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 600,000 UNITS OF BLOOD PER YEAR ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE NEED IN CALIFORNIA; AND

WHEREAS, AT ANY GIVEN TIME, 6,000 PATIENTS ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER MARROW DONORS; AND

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; AND

WHEREAS, MILLIONS OF LIVES EACH YEAR ARE SAVED AND HEALED BY DONORS OF ORGANS, TISSUES, MARROW AND BLOOD; AND

WHEREAS, THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND DECISION TO DONATE ARE NOT RESTRICTED BY AGE OR MEDICAL CONDITION; AND

WHEREAS, OVER FIFTEEN 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 WITH THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA DONOR REGISTRY WHEN APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSES OR TD CARDS AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEREBY RECOGNIZES APRIL 2019 AS DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH IN VENTURA COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO CHECK "YES!" WHEN APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TD CARD, OR BY SIGNING UP AT WWW.DONATELIFE.CALIFORNIA.ORG OR WWW.DONETD.CALIFORNIA.ORG.

PRESENTED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2019

Steve Bennett

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STEVE BENNETT, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

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