

DMV/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; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; and deceased organ donors saved more than 33,000 lives last year, the most ever; and

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

WHEREAS, over 17 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 online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFecalifornia.org, or for Spanish-speakers, www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org; and

WHEREAS, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit 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 La Habra, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card at the DMV.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2021.

Rose Espinoza, Mayor

Attest: Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk