

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 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 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

WHEREAS, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others; and

WHEREAS, organ donors saved more than 42,000 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, being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency; 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 can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2023 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 3rd day of April, 2023.

James Gomez
Mayor

Attest: Rhonda Barone, CMC
City Clerk