



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

*WHEREAS, organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need. More than 123,000 individuals nationwide and more than 22,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs. 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. 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 up to 50 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. The spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and*

*WHEREAS, nearly twelve million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored. California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of April 2015 as Donate Life Month in Santa Barbara County and in doing so encourages all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID card.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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