

# Santa Barbara County of

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need, and more than 103,000 individuals nationwide and more than 23,000 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 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

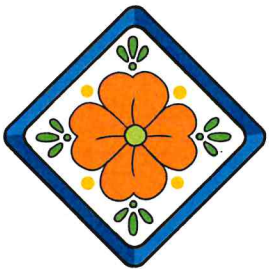
**WHEREAS**, organ donors saved more than 46,000 lives last year and any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions, also being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting [www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org) or, for Spanish-speakers, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org); and

**WHEREAS**, 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; or 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 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby recognize April 2026 as Donate Life Month in Santa Barbara County and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" online, or when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card at the DMV.

**PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.**



*Mona Diaz*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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