



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016  
AS DMV/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 and the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 121,000 individuals nationwide, more than 21,000 in California and 190 individuals in Santa Barbara County are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 22 people die nationally each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; with the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities; and*

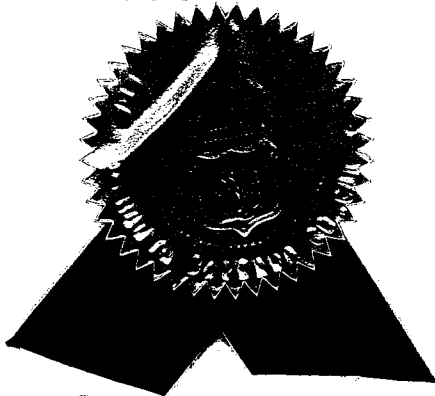
*WHEREAS, more than 600,000 units of blood per year are needed to meet the need in California; and at any given time, 6,000 patients are in need of volunteer marrow donors; and millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood; and*

*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, over twelve 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 by generally signing up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2016 is hereby proclaimed "DMV/Donate Life California Month" in the County of Santa Barbara, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [www.donateLIFECalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFECalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org).*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.*



ATTEST:

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