

COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2025

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 110,000 individuals nationwide and more than 23,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 22 people die each day while waiting;

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; American communities;

WHEREAS, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others; and organ donors saved more than 46,000 lives last year, the most ever and any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;

WHEREAS, being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency;

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 or California 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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2025 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH in Santa Barbara County. We encourage all County residents 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 1st day of April, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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