

UNTY OF SANTA BARBARA **CALIFORNIA** RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2013

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

WHEREAS, more than 116,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 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; 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 ten 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, Marion Regional Medical Center and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital save lives through their support of organ and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 residents of Santa Barbara County are awaiting kidney transplants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2013 as DMV/Donate Life Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 16^{th} day of April 2013.

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

2nd District

3rd District

4th District

Supervisor - 5th District