RESOLUTION NO. 21-66

Santa Barbara County



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WHEREAS, organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 108,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 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

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; and

WHEREAS, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others; and

WHEREAS, deceased organ donors saved more than 33,000 lives last year, the most ever; and

WHEREAS, any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, over seventeen 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

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; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of April 2021 as Donate Life Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this sixth day of April 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District