

PROCLAMATION
DMV/Donate Life California Month
April 2016

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 121,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, 190 individuals in Santa Barbara Count and on average, 22 people die nationally each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, at any given time, 6,000 patients are in need of volunteer marrow donors; 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; and

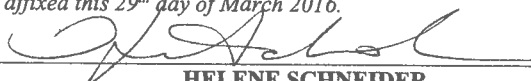
WHEREAS, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

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; and

WHEREAS, California residents can sign 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby acknowledge and proclaim hereby proclaim April as **DMV/Donate Life California Month** and urge all citizens all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 29th day of March 2016.


HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

