



PROCLAMATION

**DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA
MONTH
APRIL 2017**

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 118,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 22 people die each day 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, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities; and

WHEREAS, at any given time, 6,000 patients are in need of volunteer marrow donors and more than 600,000 units of blood per year are needed to meet the need in California; 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 vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim April 2017 "DMV/Donate Life California Month," and encourage 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 18th day of April 2017.

MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

April 18, 2017 #1
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