



## PROCLAMATION

### **DMV/Donate Life California Month April 2009**

*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 100,000 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, 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, 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, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; 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 (DMV).*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim April 2009 as **DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH** in the City of Santa Barbara and urge all Californian's to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org).

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.



*Marty Blum*  
**MARTY BLUM, MAYOR**