



PROCLAMATION

DMV/Donate Life California Month April 2010

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, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as **DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH** in the City of Santa Barbara and urge all Californians to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFCalifornia.org or 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 13th day of April 2010.


HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor

