



## PROCLAMATION

### DMV/Donate Life California Month April 2011

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Donate Life California (DLC) announced on March 15, 2011, that more than eight million Californians have now registered as organ and tissue donors through the state's Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry, a 33 percent increase in only 12 months (March 2010 – March 2011).

**WHEREAS**, more than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list - 21% of the more than 100,000 people waiting across our country. Tragically, 1/3 of them will die - waiting; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, approximately 30,000 patients in the U.S. will be diagnosed with life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, which are treatable by a marrow or stem cell transplant. Just one in three will find a donor match within their family. Join the National Marrow Donor Program Registry all it takes is a simple blood test. Anyone between the ages of 18-60 and in good general health can join the Registry; 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

**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 2011 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.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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

