

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

- WHEREAS, Donate Life California is a nonprofit Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, dedicated to saving the lives of thousands of Californians awaiting life-saving organ transplants; and
- WHEREAS, Garden Grove 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; and
- WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, and blood donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and
- WHEREAS, More than 100,000 individuals nationwide and over 20,000 in California are waiting for organ/tissue donations that will provide them with a second chance. Every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting for a donated organ; and
- WHEREAS, More than 600,000 units of blood per year are necessary to meet the need in Southern California; 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 enhance the lives of up to 50 others; and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly five-million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored; and
- WHEREAS, Only through education and increased public awareness can people make the decision to donate their organ/tissue and make the tremendous contribution of the gift-of-life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2009 as "DMV/Donate Life California Month" in the City of Garden Grove.

**April 14, 2009**

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