"National Donate Life Month"

WHEREAS, More than 962 individuals in Fresno County are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, Donor Network West serves as the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization in Northern/Central California and Northern Nevada and works in close partnership with families, doctors, nurses, and coroners in hospitals to connect donors to recipients; and

WHEREAS, Organ and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need that save thousands of lives each year; and

WHEREAS, The need for donated organs especially urgent in Hispanic, African American and Asian Communities and 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 75 others; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical conditions and over fourteen million Californians have signed up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their drivers licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim April 2018 to be:

"National Donate Life Month"

in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 5th day of April 2018.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President District 2

OLIVER BAINES III, Councilmember District 3

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

CLINT OLIVIER, Councilmember District 7