

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

Is hereby presented in honor of:

National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, *The Donor Network West is the federally designated organ and tissue recovery organization located throughout Northern California, Central California, and Northern Nevada area. Working with families, nurses, and doctors in hospitals to connect donations to the nearly 800 individuals in Fresno County on the national organ transplant waiting list; and*

WHEREAS, *Approximately 22 people die each day due to the shortage of donated organs available on the registry. A single individual's organs, such as the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine, can save up to eight lives, and tissues' donations can save up to 75 lives. By registering as an organ donor, it increases the survival of organ recipient's chance to continue living their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *Hispanic, African American and Asian communities have an urgent need for organ donations. The Donor Network seeks to educate these communities about organ donations and register as organ donors. A diverse donor registry would ensure that ethnic minorities receive a better opportunity of finding a match due to genetic makers; and*

WHEREAS, *More than 16 million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to guarantee that their wish of being an organ donor and tissue donor is honored. Californians can register to donate with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying or renewing for an ID or driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim April, 2021 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 8th day of April 2021.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

LUIS CHAVEZ, Council President, District 5

NELSON ESPARZA, Council Vice President, District 7

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

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