

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion to those in need. More than 123,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant wait list, and every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs. A single individual's donation of the lungs, kidneys, pancreas, liver, heart, and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 50 others.

Millions of lives are saved and healed each year by donors of organs, tissues, marrows and blood and the quality of life for many hundreds of thousands more are healed by organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Over 12 million Californians have signed up with the State-authorized Donate Life California Registry.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2015 as “DMV/Donate Life California Month” in the County of Los Angeles and urge Los Angeles County citizens to save lives and check “YES!” when applying or renewing their driver’s license or ID card through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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