

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act recognized worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion. Nearly 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant wait list, and every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting for a donated organ. A single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can save and heal up to 50 others.

Each year, nearly 30,000 lives are saved and the quality of life for many hundreds of thousands more is enhanced by organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Many bereaved families find a measure of comfort in donating organs and tissue so that others may benefit, and nearly three million Californians have registered as donors in our state.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2009 as “DMV/Donate Life California Month” in the County of Los Angeles and urge Los Angeles County citizens to save lives by signing up with the Donate Life California Registry when they apply for or renew their driver’s license or ID card through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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