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APRIL 7, 2026

**Proclaiming April 2026 as Donate Life Month**

The month of April is recognized as National Donate Life Month to raise awareness on the importance of being a donor, honor those that have generously provided blood, organs, eyes, and tissues to support the lives of others, and celebrate those that have benefited from donations.

According to OneLegacy, over 20,000 Californians need a life-saving transplant. Despite California comprising 12% of the nation’s population, Californians make up 20% of candidates who are currently waiting for a transplant nationally. Meanwhile, only about 50% of Californians are registered organ, eye, and tissue donors. The need for donated organs is particularly critical for communities of color, who are disproportionately impacted by conditions that require organ transplants. Unfortunately, an average of 17 people die each across the United States, while waiting for a transplant.

Importantly, any person can register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor regardless of medical condition. OneLegacy estimates that one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people, while a single tissue donor can improve the lives of over 75 individuals. Over 49,000 organ transplants took place nationally in 2025. Raising

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awareness on the importance of being a donor is essential to increasing the number of registered donors and saving lives.

To this end, OneLegacy is hosting their 24th Annual Donate Life Run/Walk on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Azusa Pacific University's Soccer Field to celebrate the power of organ, eye, and tissue donation. The following link can be utilized to register for this event: <https://www.givesignup.org/Race/CA/Azusa/DONATELIFERunWalk>. For more information on becoming a donor, please visit:

- The Donate Life California Donor Registry at [www.donateLIFECalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFECalifornia.org); or
- The Donate Life California Donor Registry in Spanish at [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org); and
- To explore living donation, please visit: [www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org).

County residents can also sign up to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or I.D. cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Blood, organ, eye, and tissue donations save lives It is important to raise awareness on the importance of becoming a donor and encouraging County residents to become informed on how they can become donors.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution in support of Donate a Life Month.
2. Proclaim April 2026 as DMV/Donate Life Month and encourage all County

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY IN SUPPORT  
OF NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need;

**WHEREAS**, more than 103,000 individuals nationwide and more than 23,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting;

**WHEREAS**, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities;

**WHEREAS**, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others;

**WHEREAS**, organ donors saved more than 46,000 lives last year;

**WHEREAS**, any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;

**WHEREAS**, being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency;

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting [www.donateLIFCalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFCalifornia.org) or, for Spanish-speakers, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org);

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV);

**WHEREAS**, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit [www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org);


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2026 is hereby proclaimed "DMV/Donate Life Month" in the County of Los Angeles, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" online, or when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

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