

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018 AS  
DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE**

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

WHEREAS, more than 114,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 20 people die each day while waiting due to a shortage of donated organs; and

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

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 units of blood per year are needed to meet the need in California; and

WHEREAS, at any given time, 6,000 patients are in need of volunteer marrow donors; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donated tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 50 others; and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, each year millions of lives are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, nearly fourteen million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored; and

WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles:

***NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018 TO BE "DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH" IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, AND IN DOING SO WE ENCOURAGE ALL CALIFORNIANS TO CHECK "YES" WHEN APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. CARD, OR BY SIGNING UP AT [WWW.DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG](http://WWW.DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG)***

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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Oralia Y. Rebollo  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk