

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on an average, 17 people die each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs;

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight (8) people and one tissue donor can enhance the lives of more than 75 people.

WHEREAS, A living donor can provide a kidney or portion of liver, lung pancreas or intestine;

WHEREAS, organ donors saved more than 42,000 lives last year, the most ever;

WHEREAS, any person can register to be a 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 Donate Life California Donor Registry at www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org and www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org;

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, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be "DMV/Donate Life Month" in the City of Beaumont, and in doing so we encourage residents to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card.

Julio Martinez III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Morgan, City Clerk