

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring April 2021 as

DMV/Donate Life California 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 108,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 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, *a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives;*
- WHEREAS, *donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others;*
- WHEREAS, *deceased organ donors saved more than 33,000 lives last year, the most ever;*
- WHEREAS, *any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;*
- WHEREAS, *over 17 million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ, eye and tissue donors are honored;*
- 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; and*
- WHEREAS, *California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles;*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 20th day of April 2021, that **I, Al Rios, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, do hereby proclaim April as DMV/Donate Life California Month and encourage all residents to check "yes" when applying for or renewing their driver license or ID card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

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Mayor Al Rios

