

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 106,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 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 the lives of more than 75 other; and

**WHEREAS**, organ donors saved more than 40,000 lives last year, the most ever, and any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, over seventeen 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; and

**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 online at [www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or, for Spanish-speakers, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org); and

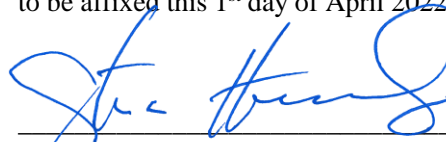
**WHEREAS**, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit [www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2022 is hereby proclaimed

*DMV/Donate Life Month*

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 DMV.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2022.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

