[Recognizing National Donate Life Month - April 2019]

Resolution recognizing April 2019 as National Donate Life Month in the City and County of San Francisco, and urging all San Franciscans to register as organ and tissue donors when applying for or renewing their driver's license.

WHEREAS, More than 650 individuals in San Francisco are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, Donor Network West serves as the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization in Northern/Central California and Northern Nevada and works in close partnership with families, doctors, nurses, and coroners in hospitals to connect donors to recipient; and

WHEREAS, Organ and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need that save thousands of lives each year; and

WHEREAS, The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Asian, Hispanic 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; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; and

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

WHEREAS, Over 14,000,000 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 Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2019 is hereby proclaimed “National Donate Life Month” in the City and County of San Francisco, 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 donornetworkwest.org.
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April 30, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/30/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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