

National Donate Life Month

April 2022

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 individuals in Alameda County 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, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare provides world-class community health care to the East Bay, Tri-Valley region, and beyond, leverages the extensive educational, research and clinical expertise of Stanford Medicine to provide exceptional, patient-centered care, values their strong connection with the region’s community in collaboration with Donor Network West, works in partnership to save and heal lives in our community through donation; 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 Hispanic, Asian 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, over fifteen 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 Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby proclaim **April 2022** as **Donate Life Month** encourages all Alameda County residents sign up as organ and tissue donors by checking “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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