

1 [Recognizing National Donate Life Month - April 2019]

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Asian, Hispanic and
17 African American communities; and

18 WHEREAS, A single individual’s donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas
19 and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of
20 up to 75 others; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Over 14,000,000 Californians have signed up with the state-authorized
24 Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are
25 honored; and

1 WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor
2 Registry when applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses or ID cards at the California
3 Department of Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2019
5 is hereby proclaimed “National Donate Life Month” in the City and County of San Francisco,
6 and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check “YES!” when applying for or renewing
7 their driver’s license or I.D. card, or by signing up at donornetworkwest.org.

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