

1 [National Donate Life Month - April 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 2024 as National Donate Life Month in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, More than 483 individuals in San Francisco are currently on the national
7 organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day in the United States waiting for a
8 donated organ to become available; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Donations of organs and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide
14 as expressions of compassion that save thousands of lives each year; and

15 WHEREAS, The need for donated organs is especially urgent in the Asian, Latino and
16 African American communities; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Over 19 million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized
23 Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are
24 honored; and

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

4 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares the month of
5 April 2024 as “National Donate Life Month” in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages all
7 Californians to check “YES!” when applying for or renewing their driver’s license or ID card.

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