

1 [Donate Life Month.]

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3 **Resolution supporting April as Donate Life Month and urging all San Franciscans to**
4 **participate in the Donate Life California Donor Drive.**

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6 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized
7 worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and,

8 WHEREAS, More than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in
9 California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list; and,

10 WHEREAS, Every ninety minutes one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of
11 donated organs; and,

12 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs,
13 tissues, marrow and blood; and,

14 WHEREAS, Of the Californians waiting for life-saving transplants, 35% are Latino, 16%
15 are Asian/Pacific Islanders and 14% are African Americans; and,

16 WHEREAS, Nearly 75% of Americans waiting for kidney transplants are people of
17 color; and,

18 WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry
19 when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department
20 of Motor Vehicles; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the designation of
22 April as Donate Life California Month; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the
24 work of Donate Life California and their efforts toward encouraging the residents of San
25 Francisco to enroll in the Donate Life Registry.