

1 [National Donate Life Month - April 2022]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 2022 as National Donate Life Month in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, As of March 2022, more than 580 individuals in San Francisco are on the
7 national organ transplant waiting list, and 17 patients die each day nationally due to the
8 shortage of donated organs; and

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

13 WHEREAS, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center provides
14 high quality, compassionate, and accessible healthcare for all persons in the City and County
15 of San Francisco, regardless of their socio-economic status and ability to pay; and

16 WHEREAS, In Collaboration with Donor Network West, UCSF Medical Center works in
17 partnership to save lives in our community through organ donation; and

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

20 WHEREAS, The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Asian, Latinx and
21 African American communities; and

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

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

3 WHEREAS, Over 14 million Californians have signed up with the State-authorized
4 Donate Life California registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are
5 honored; and

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

9 RESOLVED, That in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2022
10 is hereby proclaimed “National Donor Life Month” in the City and County of San Francisco;
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
13 Board to forward copies of this resolution to the offices of the Department of Public Health and
14 County Health Officer.

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