

City of Laguna Niguel



Proclamation

DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH *APRIL 2021*

WHEREAS, organ, tissue, marrow and blood donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 108,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs. The need for donated organs is especially urgent in the Hispanic and African American communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 units of blood per year are needed to meet the need in California. At any given time, 6,000 patients are in need of volunteer marrow donors; 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 more than 75 others and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissue, marrow, and blood. The spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition. Over seventeen million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ, eye and tissue donors are honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Fred Minagar, on behalf of the Laguna Niguel City Council and in recognition of National Donate Life Month, do hereby declare April 2021, as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the City of Laguna Niguel and in doing so encourage all residents to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Minagar".

Fred Minagar, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

