

# City of Laguna Niguel



## Proclamation

### Recognizing DMV/Donate Life Month April 2022

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 106,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; and

**WHEREAS**, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others; and

**WHEREAS**, organ donors saved more than 40,000 lives last year, the most ever; and

**WHEREAS**, any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting [www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org) or, for Spanish-speakers, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org); and

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit [www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org](http://www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org); and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I Mayor Elaine Gennawey on behalf of the Laguna Niguel City Council hereby proclaim, the Month of April 2022 as "DMV/Donate Life Month" in the City of Laguna Niguel, and in doing so encourage all Californians to check "Yes!" online, or when apply for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card as the DMV.

Elaine Gennawey, Mayor