

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 AS “DONATE LIFE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF POMONA**

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 114,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 20 people die each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; and

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 600,000 units of blood per year are needed to meet the need in California; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 up to 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, tissues, marrow and blood; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

**WHEREAS**, over fourteen 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, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA** hereby proclaims the month of April as:

**“Donate Life Month”**

and in doing so, inspire organ and tissue donor registrations.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.