

Proclamation

DMV/DONATE LIFE MONTH

APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Westminster wish to join the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and OneLegacy in celebrating Donate Life Month by sharing information and encouraging the community to "sign up and save lives!;" and

WHEREAS, organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need and anyone can donate regardless of age or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 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 organ donors saved more than 40,000 lives last year, the most ever; 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; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tri Ta, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Carlos Manzo, and Council Members Tai Do, Kimberly Ho, and Chi Charlie Nguyen, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **DMV/DONATE LIFE MONTH** in the City of Westminster encouraging all community members to check "YES!" online, or when applying for, or renewing driver's license or I.D. card at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and spreading the word to help save lives.

DATE: April 27, 2022

Tri Ta, Mayor