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WHEREAS, organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need and more than 103,000 individuals nationwide and more than 23,000 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 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, organ donors saved more than 46,000 lives last year, and 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 California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or, for Spanish-speakers, 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; or residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org.

*NOW*, *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, does hereby proclaim April 2025 as "DMV/Donate Life Month" in the City of Goleta, and in doing so encourages all Californians to check "YES!" online, or when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID card at the DMV.

**APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

