

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

### *National Donate Life Month – April 2024*

**WHEREAS**, more than 280 individuals in Sonoma county are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and 22 patients die each day due to the shortage of donated organs; and

**WHEREAS**, Donor Network West serves as the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization in Northern/Central California and Northern Nevada and works in close partnership with families, doctors, nurses, and coroners in hospitals to connect donors to recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, organ and tissue are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need that save thousands of lives each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Asian, Hispanic 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; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; 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 Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored; and

**WHEREAS**, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby acknowledge April 2024 as **National Donate Life Month** and encourage all citizens of Petaluma to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [donornetworkwest.org](http://donornetworkwest.org).

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Caitlin Corley, City Clerk*