



City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the
City of Mission Viejo
Proclaiming April 2017, to Be

National Donate Life Month

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 118,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 22 people die each day while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; and

Whereas, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives and donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 50 others and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

Whereas, more than twelve million Californians have registered with the state-authorized Donate Life California Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors; and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 29, 2017 the Donate Life Run/Walk will be held at California State University Fullerton to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Donate Life California—a nonprofit Organ and Tissue Donor Registry dedicated to saving the lives of thousands of Californians awaiting life-saving transplants.

Now, therefore, I, Wendy Bucknum, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2017, to be **National Donate Life Month** in Mission Viejo and do encourage citizens to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation and transplantation and consider becoming a potential lifesaving donor and sharing your decision with family members.

April 1, 2017

Wendy Bucknum
Wendy Bucknum, Mayor