

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** organ, tissue, marrow and blood donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list; every 90 minutes one person dies 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 alone; and
- WHEREAS,** millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissue, marrow and blood; 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 50 others; a single blood donation can help three people in need; and
- WHEREAS,** California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID card at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California,** do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as

## ***DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH***

in the City of Torrance, and encourage all Californians to check "YES" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org).

Signed this 19th day of April 2011.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk

