



Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

Proclaiming May 18, 2019 as Live On, Drive On! – Donate Life Day in El Dorado County

WHEREAS, more than 114,000 individuals nationwide and more than 500 of our neighbors in El Dorado County are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and each day 20 people die before a transplant is possible; 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 a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, over 33,000 lives in the United States were saved by organ transplants and over three million lives were transformed by tissue donation. This would not be possible except for the decision of the 10,721 people in the US choosing to Donate Life when they pass away or 6,844 people who choose to be living donors; and

WHEREAS, almost 53% of El Dorado County has said "YES" to donation at the Placerville DMV we fall behind the national average of over 55%; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye and tissue donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, 17 year-old Sidney "Scott" Santana, El Dorado County resident gave the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation following his death in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, his family and friends have created the Live On, Drive On! Scott Santana campaign to encourage more Californians to join the Donate Life Registry and be like Scott; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, more than 15 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 Registry when applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that in recognition of Sidney “Scott” Santana’s gift of life, the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County do hereby proclaim May 18, 2019 as “Live On, Drive On! Day in El Dorado County and in doing so encourage all El Dorado County residents to check “YES!” when applying for or renewing their driver’s license or ID card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFE California.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 14th day of May, 2019.

Attest:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Sue Novasel, Chair, Board of Supervisors