



**Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of El Dorado  
DECLARING May 18, 2013 “REMEMBER TO DONATE LIFE DAY”**

*WHEREAS, more than 117,000 individuals nationwide and more than 1,800 in the Sacramento area (22,000 in California) are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs;*

*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; and a single blood donation can help three people in need;*

*WHEREAS, millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood;*

*WHEREAS, the Placerville DMV is second in the state in the percentage of DMV drivers license renewals/applicants saying “Yes!” to organ and tissue donation for the fourth quarter of 2012;*

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

*WHEREAS, 17 year old, Sidney “Scott” Santana, El Dorado County Resident became a hero to 56 people through the gift of life of organ and tissue donation after his death in May 2011; he gave the gift of life to six people through organ donation, gave sight to two people through cornea donation and continues to enhance the lives of over 50 people through tissue donation after his death in May of 2011;*

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

*WHEREAS, more than ten 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;*

*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**, that in recognition of Sidney “Scott” Santana’s gift of life, the day May 18, 2013 is hereby proclaimed **“Remember to Donate Life Day”** in El Dorado County and in doing so we 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).

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 23rd day of April, 2013.*

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrison  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors