

**WHEREAS,** more than 506 individuals in San Joaquin 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 recipient; 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 Hispanic, African American and Asian 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;

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

**WHEREAS,** nearly 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;

**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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL TUBBS,** as Mayor of the City of Stockton, and on behalf of the Stockton City Council, do hereby declare the month of April as

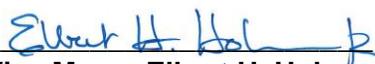
### **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH in STOCKTON**

and call upon the residents of the City of Stockton 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).

**In witness whereof,** I have here unto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Stockton to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two –Thousand-Seventeen.



**Mayor Michael D. Tubbs**



**Vice Mayor Elbert H. Holman Jr.**



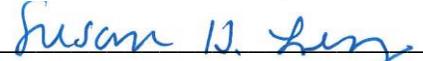
**Councilmember Susan Lofthus**



**Councilmember Christina Fugazi**



**Councilmember Daniel R. Wright**



**Councilmember Susan H. Lenz**



**Councilmember Jesús Andrade**