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WHEREAS, the future of the thousands of Americans awaiting transplants depends on the willingness of their fellow citizens to become organ and tissue donors, and

WHEREAS, on average, 14 people die each day while waiting for an organ and every 16 minutes a new name will be added to the waiting list, and

WHEREAS, by donating tissues and organs, living donors and the families who have lost loved ones are rewarded with knowledge that they have saved and enhanced many lives, and

WHEREAS, becoming a prospective organ and tissue donor is an easy, two-step process, potential donors need only indicate their intention on their driver's license or donor card, available from a number of organizations by mail or on-line, and notify their families and friends of their wish to donate, and

WHEREAS, thanks to donor's generosity and compassion, transplant recipients across our country and right here in our community, are able to work, care for their families, look forward to a brighter future and thanks to donor's selflessness, many children who were not expected to see their first birthday are playing, learning to work, and entering school, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 61,000 people in the United States and thousands more worldwide are on the national organ waiting list, and

WHEREAS, as we observed National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, all Americans are urged to consider becoming donors, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby recognizes the need for Organ and Tissue Donors and proclaims April 15 through 21, 2001 as "**Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week**" in the City of San Diego

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