

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 6, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DONATE A LIFE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for National Donate Life Month

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN remarked that the ceremonial part of the meeting is a time to recognize those residents for their dedication to the community like OFFICER STANLEY COOPER. She recognized April as National Donate Life Month, instituted in 2003 by Donate Life America. It features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to encourage Americans to become donors. Nevada Donor Network, a local organization servicing Southern Nevada since 1987, is a federally designated not-for-profit organ tissue and eye procurement organization. They are responsible for the coordination, recovery and distribution of donated human organs and tissues for transplant and medical research throughout the Las Vegas Valley. It is one of the few organ procurement agencies in the country to manage the recovery of organs, tissues and eyes in the same facility, making Nevada extremely progressive in the field. She presented KEN RICHARDSON, Executive Director with a proclamation.

MR. RICHARDSON thanked the Mayor and Council for increasing the awareness about the need for organ and tissue donations. The national waiting list contains 100,013 names; 300 are Nevadans. Every day 18 people die waiting for an organ and every 12 minutes a new name is added to the list. He asked that all Las Vegas take a moment to talk to their family and consider organ and tissue donation. He provided their website and how to sign up.