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MEDIA ADVISORY

**MAYOR MARY FAST TO DECLARE APRIL AS
DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH IN THE CITY OF REEDLEY
*Transplant Recipients to Speak***

Tues., March 24, 7:15 P.M. at Reedley Community Center

WHAT: In recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2009 is being proclaimed **"DMV/Donate Life California Month"** in the City of Reedley. Mayor, Mary Fast will present transplant recipients, Kenneth Zech and Brad Fast as representatives for Donate Life California, with a proclamation encouraging 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 or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

More than 100,000 individuals are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list.

Of the 20,000 waiting in California, 865 of those waiting are from Fresno County alone.

Every 90 minutes one person on the waiting list dies due to the shortage of donated organs.

WHO:

- **Mary Fast**, Mayor, City of Reedley.
- **Kenneth Zech**, Organ Transplant Recipient
- **Brad Fast**, Organ Transplant Recipient
- **Keri L. Pasalakis**, Community Affairs Coordinator, California Transplant Donor Network

WHEN: **Tues., March 24, 7:15 P.M.**

WHERE: **Reedley Community Center – "L" Side Entrance, Senior Room**
100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA. 93654

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DETAILS: Donate Life California is a nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry, administered by California's four nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organizations, each responsible for facilitating the donation process in the state: California Transplant Donor Network, Golden State Donor Services, Lifesharing and OneLegacy. As a state-authorized public service, the registry assures that all personal information is kept confidential and stored in a secure database, accessible only to authorized organ and tissue recovery personnel. For more information about the Donate Life California Registry, the process, and how donation saves and improves lives, visit: www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or in Spanish at www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

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