

List of Organ Donation-related Observance Days



Several days of recognition have been set aside during the calendar year in support of organ, eye and tissue donation. These days, along with a few other health-related observance days, provide an opportunity for those who support organ, eye and tissue donation to remind their friends, families, co-workers and community about the importance of signing up on the Donate Life California Registry.

Some ways people show their support on these days is wearing a Donate Life pin or t-shirt, posting or sharing photos or quotes on Facebook, or talking with their loved ones about their donation wishes.

In addition, local organ recovery organizations often appreciate volunteer assistance with donor registration tables, displaying posters or table tents at a hospital, or other activities.

Recognition Day/Event	2015 Date	2016 Date	Observed
Black History Month	February	February	Month Long Awareness
National Donor Day	2/14/2015	2/14/2016	Valentine's Day each year
National Eye Donor Month	March	March	Month Long Awareness
World Kidney Day	3/12/2015	3/10/2016	Second Thursday in March
National Doctors Day	3/30/2015	3/30/2016	Same day each year
Donate Life Month	April	April	Month Long Awareness
Healthcare Decisions Day	4/16/2015	4/16/2016	Same day each year
Blue & Green Day	4/17/2015	4/15/2016	Third Friday in April (except Good Friday)
Older Americans Month	May	May	Month Long Awareness
ECHO (Every Community Has Opportunity)	7/12/2015-7/25/2015	7/10/2016-7/23/2016	Same week each year
World Heart Day	9/29/2015	9/29/2016	Same day each year
National Liver Awareness Month	October	October	Month Long Awareness
Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day (BRA)	10/15/2015	10/15/2016	Same day each year
National Make a Difference Day	10/25/2015	10/22/2016	Fourth Saturday of October
Dia De Los Muertos	11/1/2015	11/1/2016	Same day each year
National Donor Sabbath	11/13/2015-11/15/2015	11/11/2016-11/13/2016	Two weekends before Thanksgiving
Giving Tuesday	12/1/2015	11/29/2016	Tuesday after Thanksgiving
Donate Life Rose Parade Float at Tournament of Roses Parade	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	January 1 each year, unless it falls on a Sunday

For questions about organ, eye and tissue donation, or to register as a donor, visit www.donatelIFecalifornia.org or contact us at info@donatelifecalifornia.org or 866-797-2366.