



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April 16th is National Healthcare Decision Day designated to increase public awareness about the importance of written documents that explain individual preferences in healthcare decisions such as advanced directives for end of life; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only one in three US adults completes any type of advance directive for end-of-life care, and even fewer have written descriptions of the type of care they want if incapacitated and in need of medical care; and

WHEREAS, written directives can alleviate unnecessary suffering, improve quality of life, and supports adults at any age or stage of health in understanding and sharing their personal values, life goals, and preferences regarding future medical care; and

WHEREAS, advanced healthcare planning is not just for those who are facing end of life or terminal illness; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Cancer Coalition (CCC) in partnership with the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) supports individuals in getting the planning and care tools that they need;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2024, as

HEALTHCARE DECISION DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of April, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*