

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, healthcare is an important issue to all South Carolinians, and advance directives enable patients to communicate their healthcare decisions, especially those related to end-of-life care, when they are unable to speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, decisions concerning healthcare should be made by individuals in consultation with their healthcare provider and their families; and

WHEREAS, many South Carolinians do not make adequate preparation for healthcare decision-making in times of crisis or at end of life even though such preparation is readily accessible through the medical and legal communities; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare Decisions Day helps raise awareness of the need to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives and encourages medical and legal professionals to share their knowledge with patients and clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2016, as

HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together with the medical and legal communities to ensure that an individual's wishes for healthcare, particularly as it relates to end-of-life care, are prepared, protected and followed.



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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA