



## 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 advance 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 support 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, advance healthcare planning is not just for those who are facing end of life or terminal illness; and*

*WHEREAS, The Survivorship and Palliative Care Task Force of the Colorado Cancer Coalition supports individuals in getting the planning and care tools that they need;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2021 as*

**COLORADO HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of April, 2021*

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

Jared Polis  
Governor

