

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Healthcare Decision Day is recognized across our nation on April 16, 2021 to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health-care decisions, especially those related to end of life care and medical decision-making when patients are unable to speak for themselves, and to encourage the specific use of advanced directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, Many Gainesville, Florida residents have not yet prepared for health-care decisions in times of crisis or at end of life, nor had important conversations with their families and their healthcare with their families and documented those decisions; and

WHEREAS, It is likely a significant reason for these low percentages is that there is both a lack of awareness and an uncertainty in the public about Advanced Directives; and

WHEREAS, One of the goals of Healthcare Decisions Day is to raise awareness and provide clear and consistent information to the public about advanced directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of citizens with advanced directives; and

WHEREAS, Haven Hospice, UF Health/Shands, VA Hospital, Honoring Choices Florida, Community Hospice, Cornerstone Hospice, and UHAS Healthcare endorses this event and is committed to educating the public during the month of April to stress the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directive to make their wishes known.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April, 2021 as

National Healthcare Decisions Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in raising awareness by normalizing conversations regarding advance care decisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24th day of February, A.D., 2021.


Lauren Poe
Mayor

