

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

*Whereas: studies indicate most Americans have not created an Advance Directive to guide their healthcare in the event that they cannot speak for themselves; and*

*Whereas: Healthcare Directives offer valuable guidance and assurance that during a time of critical healthcare need, healthcare decisions will be executed and honored in accordance with patients' wishes; and*

*Whereas: Community members, including healthcare professionals, lawyers, and citizens, are committed to a volunteer effort to ensure that all adults have the information needed to document their healthcare decisions; and*

*Whereas: Healthcare Decisions Day provides an opportunity to document healthcare decisions in a uniform Advance Directive recognized by legal and healthcare professionals throughout the State of Minnesota; and*

*Whereas: The Elder Law Governing Council of the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hospice Minnesota are joint liaisons to the National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative.*

*Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 16, 2010, to be:*

***National Healthcare Decisions Day***

*in the City of Saint Paul*



*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Sixteenth Day of April in the Year Two Thousand Ten.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris B. Coleman".

*Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor*