

**City of Excelsior**

**Proclamation**

**"Healthcare Decisions Day"**

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

*Whereas, most Americans have not exercised their right to create an advance directive to guide their healthcare in the event they cannot speak for themselves; and*

*Whereas, there is a strong need for advance healthcare planning; and*

*Whereas, a Healthcare Directive offers valuable guidance and assurance that, during a time of critical healthcare need, decisions with regard to one's healthcare will be executed and honored without family conflict or legal intervention; and*

*Whereas, community members, including healthcare professionals, lawyers, and citizens are ready and willing to volunteer time to ensure all adults have the information needed to document their healthcare decisions; and*

*Whereas Healthcare Decisions Day provides an opportunity to document one's 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 Initiative.*

*Now therefore, the Council of the City of Excelsior, Minnesota, hereby proclaim April 16, 2011, to be "**Healthcare Decisions Day**" in the City of Excelsior, Minnesota.*

*Proclaimed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.*



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J. Nicholas Ruehl, Mayor