

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Studies indicate that most Americans have not created an advance directive to guide their healthcare in the event that they cannot speak for themselves; and*

*WHEREAS, A Healthcare Directive offers valuable guidance and assurance so 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 ready 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 Initiative;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, R.T. RYBAK, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011 as:*

## HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Mayor of Minneapolis

