



STATE of MINNESOTA

- 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.

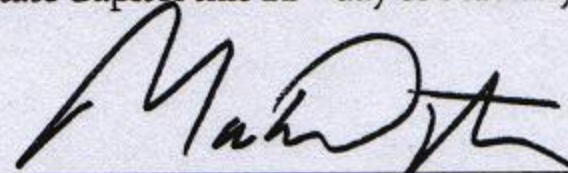
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011 to be:

HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of February.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE