



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Healthcare Decisions Day is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions related to end of life care and medical decision-making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves, and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-320 - 322 and 32A-15 govern the process for obtaining advance directives and offer optional forms for patient use; and; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all North Carolinians and Americans understand the importance of executing an advance directive; and

WHEREAS, lack of knowledge and considerable confusion contribute to the low percentage of people with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, one of the main objectives of Healthcare Decisions Day is to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, medical practices, hospices, and others to participate in a statewide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and attorneys to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of people with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, organizations throughout North Carolina have endorsed this event and are committed to educating the public about the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina observes Healthcare Decisions Day to encourage more people to have conversations about their health care decisions, execute advance directives to make their wishes known, and ensure that families and health care providers do not have to struggle with making difficult health care decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2018, as "HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.