

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Healthcare Decision Day is designed to raise public awareness on 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, Decisions concerning health care should be made by individuals in consultation with their families and their healthcare provider; and
- WHEREAS, It is estimated that only about 27 percent of Americans have completed an advance directive; and
- WHEREAS, It is likely that a significant reason for the low percentages is that there is both a lack of knowledge and considerable confusion in the public about Advance Directives; and
- WHEREAS, One of the principal goals of Healthcare Decisions Day is to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities and hospices to participate in a Commonwealth-wide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of Kentuckians with advanced directives;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby declare April 16, 2019, as

HEALTHCARE DECISION DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 20th day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen and in the 227th year of the Commonwealth.


MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


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SECRETARY OF STATE