

Levy County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring “April 2023”, as “*National Healthcare Decisions Month*”
In Levy County, Florida

Whereas, National Healthcare Decision Day is recognized across our nation on April 16, 2023, to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health-care decisions, especially those related to end of life care and medical decision-making when patients are unable to speak for themselves, and to encourage the specific use of advanced directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

Whereas, many Levy County, Florida residents have not yet prepared for or documented health-care decisions in times of crisis or at end of life, or had important conversations with their families concerning their healthcare; and

Whereas, a likely significant reason for the lack of preparation and documentation is that there is both a lack of awareness and an uncertainty in the public about Advanced Directives; and

Whereas, some of the goals of Healthcare Decisions Day are to raise awareness and provide clear and consistent information to the public about Advanced Directives, as well as encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of citizens with Advanced Directives; and

Whereas, Haven Hospice endorses this event and is committed to educating the public during the month of April to stress the importance of discussing healthcare choices and executing Advanced Directives to make wishes known.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners, Levy County, Florida, that April 2023 shall be recognized as “*National Healthcare Decision Month*” and, furthermore, encourage the citizens of Levy County to increase their understanding and awareness of Advanced Directives and informing their families of their wishes.

Duly proclaimed this 21st day of March, 2023.

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