

**PROCLAMATION
NUMBER 2021-034**

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COMMISSIONERS, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS NATIONAL
HEALTHCARE DECISIONS MONTH.**

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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

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NOW, THEREFORE, HEREBY BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners, Levy County, Florida, that April 2021 shall be recognized as:

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISION MONTH

and, furthermore, encourage the citizens of Levy County to increase their understanding and awareness of Advanced Directive's and informing their families of their wishes.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 6th day of April, 2021.


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

John Meeks, Chairman

ATTEST: Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**


Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney