

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring April 2021 as “National Healthcare Decisions Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, National Healthcare Decision Day is recognized across our nation on April 16, 2021 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 Alachua County Florida residents have not yet prepared for health-care decisions in times of crisis or at end of life, nor had important conversations with their families and their healthcare with their families and documented those decisions; and

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

Whereas, one of the goals of Healthcare Decisions Day is to raise awareness and provide clear and consistent information to the public about advanced 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 citizens with advanced directives; and

Whereas, Haven Hospice, UF Health Shands, VA Hospital, Community Hospice, Cornerstone Hospice, VITAS, Healthcare, and Honoring Choices Florida endorses this event and is committed to educating the public during the month of April to stress the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directive to make their wishes know.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April 2021, as “National Healthcare Decisions Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 13th day of April, A.D., 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.