

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY

APRIL 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Health Care 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, in North Dakota, the Health Care Directives Act provides the specifics of our advance directives law and offers a model form for patient use; and

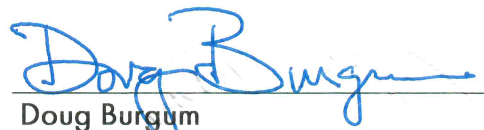
WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of Health Care Decisions Day is to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities and hospices to participate in a statewide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of North Dakota citizens with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, Honoring Choices North Dakota and other organizations throughout North Dakota 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, North Dakotans are encouraged to have conversations about their health care decisions and execute advance directives to make their wishes known so that fewer families and health care providers will have to struggle with making difficult health care decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 16, 2023, HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE