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**WHEREAS:** 

National Healthcare Decisions Day is recognized each year on April 16 as a way to engage individuals in conversations that encourage people to think about their own personal wishes for their health care, with the goal of getting people to plan ahead, document those plans, and let loved ones know their wishes.; and

**WHEREAS:** 

Advance care planning involves discussing and preparing for future decisions about your medical care if you become seriously ill or unable to communicate your wishes. Having meaningful conversations with your loved ones is the most important part of advance care planning; and

**WHEREAS:** 

Other important steps to advance care planning includes completing an Advance Care Directive, Health Care Power of Attorney, and most importantly sharing their decisions with family and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS:** 

Jacksonville is incredibly fortunate to be a hub of medical innovation and health care. With major hospitals, specialty clinics, and numerous outpatient facilities, residents and visitors have access to high quality health care medicine; and

**WHEREAS:** 

Thinking ahead, planning your wishes, and communicating with loved ones are crucial ways that individuals can protect themselves and their families' wishes in the face of health issues and medical interventions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2023 as

## **HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to complete their advance care planning and communicate their wishes to their family and healthcare providers.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22nd Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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