



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) is an initiative designed to raise awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions relating to end of life care and medical decision-making in instances when the patient is not able to speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, in addition to educating the public, NHDD is working to encourage hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, retirement communities, and hospices to participate in the effort to provide clear information to residents about planning ahead for their healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law provides for the use of advance directives, including health care powers of attorney, living wills, mental health treatment preference declarations, and do-not-resuscitate orders for life-sustaining treatment, and respects a patient's right to make decisions about their health care choices now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, participating healthcare facilities and community organizations will offer resources that will help to educate residents on having conversations about their health care decisions, the importance of advance directives in having your healthcare preferences honored, and legal rights associated with advance directives: and

WHEREAS, National Healthcare Decisions Day, held on April 16, 2018, will help the residents of Chicago understand the importance of making their wishes known ahead of time with the hopes that fewer families and healthcare providers have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2018 to be NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY IN CHICAGO and urge all residents to make the necessary preparations regarding advance health care planning.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".
Mayor