



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hospice of Marion County is celebrating our 40th year of service to Marion County with exceptional compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, we have supported National Healthcare Decision Day on April 16 for many years and their mission to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for decisions related to end-of-life care plus medical decision-making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves. They advocate for the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of Healthcare Decision 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 and increase the number of Marion County residents with advance directives; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Marion County, along with many of Marion County's prominent healthcare providers, faith-based groups and senior services organizations have demonstrated commendable leadership in furthering patient and caregiver-focused advance care planning, and are committed to educating the public about the importance of discussing health care choices and completing advance directives; and

WHEREAS, as a result of April 16, 2023, being recognized as Marion County Healthcare Decisions Day throughout our city, more individuals and families will have conversations about end-of-life concerns, including their health care decisions; more citizens will execute advance directives to make their wishes known; and fewer families and health care provides will be left to make difficult decisions, in the absence of guidance from the patient.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim that April 16, 2023, as

“MARION COUNTY HEALTHCARE DECISION DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of April 2023.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

