

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Healthcare Decisions Month is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for healthcare 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 advance directives to communicate those important healthcare decisions; and

WHEREAS, decisions concerning health care should be made by individuals in consultation with their families and their healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, many South Carolinians do not make adequate preparation for healthcare decisions in times of crisis or at end of life even though such preparation is readily accessible through the medical and legal communities; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare Decisions Month helps raise awareness of the need to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advance directives and encourages medical and legal professionals to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of South Carolina citizens with advance directives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

### HEALTHCARE DECISIONS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together with the legal and medical communities to ensure that an individual's wishes for health care, particularly as it relates to end-of-life care, are prepared, protected, and followed.



**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**