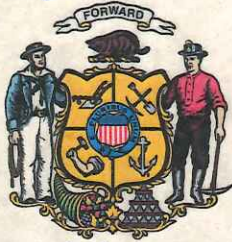


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Healthcare 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, and to encourage the specific use of advanced-care planning to communicate these important health care decisions; and

*WHEREAS*; it is estimated that only 20 percent of Wisconsin citizens have executed an advance directive, and less than 50 percent of severely or terminally ill patients have an advance directive, likely because there is a lack of knowledge, support, and unified policies for advanced-care planning; and

*WHEREAS*; Healthcare Decisions Day serves to encourage health care facilities to participate in a statewide effort to provide clear and consistent information to the public about advanced-care planning, as well as to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of Wisconsinites with advance directives; and

*WHEREAS*; the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Medical Society, and numerous other organizations throughout Wisconsin have endorsed this event, and are committed to educating the public about the importance of health care choices and completing advanced-directives;

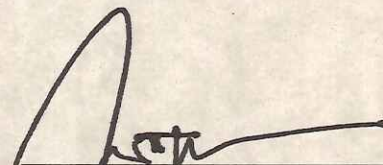
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 16, 2014, as

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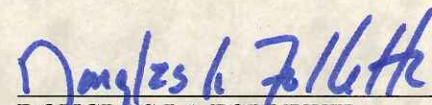
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State