

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, as a country, we often deny growing old, and are consumed with living better, longer and maybe forever; and***

***WHEREAS, we must all die and it should be possible to live and “die well”; and***

***WHEREAS, the purpose of Advance Care Planning is to reflect, share and learn about specific steps one can take to manage a serious illness or end-of-life care; and***

***WHEREAS, a health care agent is someone who knows one’s values and goals; who will honor their wishes; who is willing and able to make decisions; who has the time and who agrees to serve; and***

***WHEREAS, communicating end-of-life wishes involves introducing the conversation, exploring personal beliefs and choices, and defining and documenting these wishes; and***

***WHEREAS, raising awareness of the importance of completing an Advance Directive is the goal of National Health Care Decisions Day.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2010 as***

***“NATIONAL HEALTH CARE DECISIONS DAY”***

***in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to make their health care wishes known to assure that their personal beliefs and preferences will be honored during a time of medical crisis.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.***

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***Mayor***