



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, heightening awareness in the 18-30 year old age group around the need for young people to create advance medical directives is a goal of the Advance Care Planning Task Force; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that only about 20 percent of people in Colorado have executed an advance directive. Moreover, it is estimated that less than 50 percent of severely or terminally ill patients have an advance directive; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that a significant reason for these low percentages is that there is both a lack of knowledge and considerable confusion in public about advance directives; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of Healthcare Decisions Day is to encourage medical professionals and lawyers to volunteer their time and efforts to improve public knowledge and increase the number of Mesa County citizens with advance directives; and

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

WHEREAS, the Advance Care Planning Task Force and other organizations throughout Mesa County/Colorado have endorsed this event and are committed to educating the public about the importance of discussing health care choices and executing advance directives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2013 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/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 3rd day of April, 2013.

Mayor

