



JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Greetings

WHEREAS, communities across Florida are joining together to engage in conversations about end-of-life issues, including the importance of advance directives and advance care planning; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has determined that every competent adult has the fundamental right of self-determination regarding decisions pertaining to his or her own health, including the right to choose or refuse medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has decreed that a procedure be established to allow a person to plan for incapacity by designating another person to direct the course of his or her medical treatment upon his or her incapacity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes that for some the administration of life-prolonging medical procedures may result in only a precarious and burdensome existence; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida declares that the laws of this state recognize the right of a competent adult to make an advance directive instructing his or her physician to provide, withhold, or withdraw life-prolonging procedures, or to designate another to make the treatment decision for him or her in the event that such person should become incapacitated and unable to personally direct his or her medical care; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are reluctant to discuss end-of-life care issues with family and friends and have not completed advanced care planning documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing *Day of Decision*, September 6, 2000 and encourage Floridians to complete advance care planning documents to ensure that their end-of-life wishes and decisions are honored.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the State of Florida to be affixed
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
7th day of August in the year
of our Lord two thousand.**


GOVERNOR