

# GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, access to healthcare is a basic human need and a societal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, even one patient who cannot access medical treatment or survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too many; and

**WHEREAS**, the experience of a serious diagnosis must open the patient's door to relevant clinical information, empowerment within the medical care system, timely and sustained medical care and intervention, an ability to efficiently and effectively reach well-informed, independent decisions, and the benefit of appropriate support which removes barriers to this care and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenging complexity of ensuring healthcare to those in need must not deter or distract us from the urgency of finding and creating solutions to this persistent problem; and

**WHEREAS**, continuous, comprehensive, cooperative, and collaborative action of Wyoming government, private industry, healthcare professionals, and citizens can surmount this challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wyoming affirms its commitment to progressive, fiscally sound, fair and effective healthcare for Wyoming citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE FREUDENTHAL, GOVERNOR**, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2006 as

## "PATIENT ADVOCATE DAY"

in Wyoming.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.



  
Governor