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(**LifeNews.com**) — Terri Schiavo's father has joined the president of a nonprofit organization to establish a national holiday to mark the anniversary of her euthanasia death. Robert Schindler and National Urban Policy Action Council president Kevin Fobbs say the goal of the day is to help disabled people and other avoid Terri's fate.



The pair said "Terri's Day" is a "celebration of the 'Culture of Life' as well as celebrating the woman who sacrificed her life for this cause."

The national initiative to annually honor the memory of Terri Schiavo includes gathering one million pledges from all 50 states as well as from international supporters in the hopes of establishing March 31 as a national day of remembrance.

The pledge drive will culminate on May 12th with an official ceremony, prayer vigil, and presentation of a ceremonial pledge sheet and check representing funds from supporters from around the globe.

"Terri Schiavo's legacy has taught us that life is precious and should be protected," Fobbs, also a Michigan radio talk show host, said.

The memorial day will also include several projects, such as helping people obtain a pro-life advanced directive spelling out the kind of lifesaving medical treatment they don't want denied.

Those participating in the memorial day will encourage state officials to establish March 31 as "Terri's Day" and the project will focus on the creation of professional volunteer networks to assist families dealing with disability and neurological issues.

Proceeds from the national memorial day will support the Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation, run by Terri's parents and family, and will go towards funding a neurological health care facility.

"One year ago the nation was emotionally torn apart with grief because of the life and untimely death of Terri Schiavo," Schindler and Fobbs said in a statement. "Some called it a pursuit of the culture of death, however Terri's very life stood for the culture of life."

"Now a nation that still grieves in its heart will respectfully honor the life of Terri Schiavo by pledging support for an annual national day of remembrance on March 31," they said.

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