



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to empowering its residents to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, hospice staff and volunteers provide medical, emotional, social and spiritual care for families of those with a life-limiting illness throughout Florida, including infants, children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Hospice and Palliative Care Association (FHPCA), hospice teams are made up of a physician, nurse, medical social worker, spiritual or pastoral counselor, home health aide, therapist, bereavement counselor, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, hospice services can be provided in a patient's home, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or at a hospice residential center; and

WHEREAS, Florida hospices have partnered with Children's Medical Services and Medicaid to develop Partners in Care: Together for Kids Program, the first publicly funded program that provides pediatric palliative care support services for children with potentially life-limiting illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Hospice-Veteran Partnerships (HVP) are coalitions of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to guarantee our nation's veterans and their families have access to excellent end-of-life care; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is a time to recognize and thank hospice staff and volunteers for the care they provide our loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing November 2019 as *Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Florida*.



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 1st day of November, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor