

RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, hospice staff and volunteers provide a special kind of caring for those with a life-limiting illness in every community in Florida; and

WHEREAS, hospices helped meet the medical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of thousands of patients, throughout Florida last year; and

WHEREAS, hospice continues its focus on the family and those close to the patient, serving hundreds of thousands of Florida's citizens with bereavement and caregiving assistance; and

WHEREAS, Florida hospices support research to improve quality and access and encourage innovation in end-of-life care; and

WHEREAS, hospices in Florida recognize that our nation's veterans often have unique end-of-life needs, celebrating the heroic work of our veterans, who have sacrificed much to guarantee our freedoms and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in honor of hospice caregivers, volunteers, and staff, the month of November is nationally recognized as Hospice and Palliative Care Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing November 2017 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 2nd day of November, in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor