



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA HOSPICE MONTH

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 more than 112,789 patients – adults and children – 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 partnered with Children's Medical Services and Medicaid to develop and provide 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, 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 Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2012 as *Florida Hospice Month*.



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 18th day of October, in the year two thousand twelve.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.
Governor