



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; and

WHEREAS, hospice helped more than 139,800 patients last year; and

WHEREAS, hospice teams are made up of a physician, nurse, medical social worker, spiritual or pastoral counselor, home health aide, therapist, bereavement counselor, and volunteers, according to the Florida Hospice and Palliative Care Association (FHPCA); 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, hospices across Florida recognize our nation's veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and have unique end-of-life needs; and

WHEREAS, Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Florida is an opportunity to recognize and honor the hospice caregivers, volunteers, and staff throughout the state of Florida for the care they provide to our loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing November 2020, 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 twenty.



Governor