



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, hospice staff and volunteers provide a special kind of care for those with a life-limiting illness in every community in Florida, helping meet the medical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of over 169,000 patients throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, there are 27 service areas in Florida with statewide coverage, ensuring all 67 Florida counties have access to hospice care; and

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

WHEREAS, Florida hospices support research to improve quality and access, encourage innovation in end-of-life care, and are changing the perception of hospice care in communities through education and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Governor DeSantis signed the No Patient Left Alone Act, protecting the rights of Florida families to visit loved ones receiving hospice care in health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, hospices in Florida recognize that our nation's veterans often have unique end-of-life needs and strive to celebrate 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, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all those observing November 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 31st day of October, in the year two thousand twenty- five.


Governor