



## National Hospice Palliative Care Month – November 2019

Hospice of Davidson County, North Carolina

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care empowers people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care brings patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, every year nearly 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 400,000 trained volunteers contribute 19 million hours of service to hospice program annually; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of Thomasville, North Carolina, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as **National Hospice Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 and caused this seal to be affixed.

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Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor