

Item Title: Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of November as Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Item Summary:

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month is the perfect time for honoring the millions of nurses, home care aides, therapist and social workers who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. It is also a time for us all to think about how we want to be cared for while ill or grieving.

Every year, more than 1.65 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice palliative care providers in the US, reports the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. During National Hospice and Palliative Care Month this November, organizations across the country are raising awareness of the many benefits of hospice palliative care.

Most hospice care in the US is provided in the home – allowing people to be with their families and loved ones in comfortable surroundings at the end of life. Through pain management and symptom control, hospice and palliative care focus on quality of living. Trained caregivers provide medical and emotional support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones.

Founded as Hospice of Wake County in 1979, Transitions LifeCare is the largest and most experienced, non-profit hospice provider in our region. Over the years, they have expanded the scope of services provided to include: Home Health, Palliative Care, Youth Services, and Grief Care.

Transitions LifeCare's CEO, John Thoma, will provide a brief presentation to the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation