

Proclamation
National Hospice/Palliative Care Month
November 2010

Whereas providing high quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care;

Whereas hospice care and palliative care offer the highest quality services and support to patients and families facing serious and life limiting illness;

Whereas skilled and compassionate hospice and palliative care professionals-including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy-provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient;

Whereas through pain management and symptom control, caregiver's training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allows patients to live fully until their final moments, being surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers;

Whereas last year more than 1.45 million Americans who are living with life-limiting illnesses, along with their families; received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States;

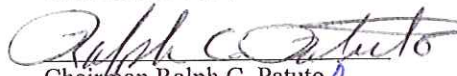
Whereas more than 500,000 trained volunteers contribute 25 million hours of service to hospice programs annually;

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;

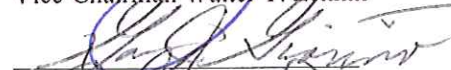
Now, therefore, be resolved that we do hereby proclaim November 2010 as **National Hospice/Palliative Care Month** and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

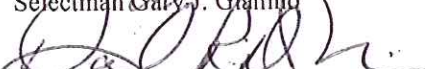


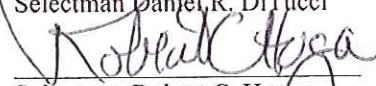
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