

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** as Medicare’s first proven coordinated care model, hospice offers person-centered, compassionate care, ensuring people dignity, choice and quality of life; and
- Whereas,** the hospice model involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and
- Whereas,** beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient’s emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and grief counseling; and
- Whereas,** hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the care they want; and
- Whereas,** established in 1982, Treasure Coast Hospice is a non-profit community organization of skilled professionals and dedicated volunteers whose mission is to provide access to compassionate, caring, expert and professional hospice and grief support services to patients and families at the end of life; and
- Whereas,** today, Treasure Coast Hospice serves over 4,000 patients annually, providing care and comfort to patients and families in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties. During this calendar year, Treasure Coast Hospice celebrated the 10th Anniversary of its specialized pediatric care program, Little Treasures, which improves the quality of life of children and teens with a life-limiting illness by providing support for the entire family.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that November 2024 is recognized as Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Martin County. Further, the board encourages citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs. The board also commends the Treasure Coast Hospice team for their service to the residents of our county.

Presented this Twelfth Day of November 2024

ATTEST:

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