

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, providing the very best 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 utmost respect and care; and

WHEREAS, **LifePath Hospice**, established in 1983, provides patients and families the highest quality care during life-limiting illness and at the end of life, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to fully live up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, LifePath Hospice has been a part of the Tampa, Florida community for more than three decades, providing compassionate hospice care to all those facing the many challenges of advanced illnesses, and last year, more than 7,300 Tampa Bay area residents living with life-limiting illnesses, and their families, received care from the organization; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate LifePath Hospice staff, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy, provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient, and annually more than 1,100 trained and dedicated volunteers contribute their time, valued at more than \$1.8 million to LifePath Hospice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa joins the care providers of LifePath Hospice in encouraging all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as

“NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, 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.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of October, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

