

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS, Hospice Care** is a compassionate and quality program for patients who are ill and dying, and its mission is to make them comfortable, ease pain and other symptoms, and support their families during a sad and difficult time; and

**WHEREAS, Palliative Care**, utilized during the beginning of diagnosis, improves the quality of life for patients, and their families, facing problems associated with life-threatening illness through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early intervention, assessment, and treatment of pain and other problems that include physical, psychological and spiritual; and

**WHEREAS**, both hospice and palliative care programs provide comfort, and are important services that combine the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that patients and their families need, and the top-notch professionals are dedicated to ensuring they find dignity, respect and love during a very tough time; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1992, *National Hospice and Palliative Care Month* is celebrated each November to bring awareness about what hospice and palliative care does, its availability for patients and families, and the tremendous benefits, kindness and compassion it brings during adversities, and this year, the 2019 theme is *My Hospice*; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, **LifePath Hospice**, established in 1983, provides patients and families the top 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**, the LifePath Hospice dedicated 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 nearly 600 trained volunteers contribute their time, valued at more than \$2.2 million, to LifePath Hospice.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 as

## ***“NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of end of life care, learn more about options available, share their wishes with family members, and thank LifePath Hospice for their commitment over the past thirty-six years to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor