

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that include physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority. Through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, patients can live fully up until their final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, Haven Hospice believes that everyone deserves compassion, care and comfort. Haven Hospice served more than 3,500 patients and families throughout our 18-county service area in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, more than 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 400,000 trained volunteers contributed 20 million hours of service to hospice programs annually; and

**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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

## NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor

