



National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2022

“Meeting You Where You Are”

Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care are holistic, patient and family centered, provided by a team approach to treat the body, mind, and spirit. At the heart of all of this is meeting patients and families where they are living with serious, life-limiting illnesses.

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice and community-based palliative care providers have helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people.

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

WHEREAS, the interdisciplinary team model at the core of hospice and palliative care provision involves a wholistic approach to treatment, including expert medical care and symptom control, as well as attending to the patient’s emotional, spiritual, and psycho-social needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling.

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation’s hospice programs through the Medicare hospice benefit every year in the country;

WHEREAS, each year, if 80 percent, as opposed to the current 50 percent, of decedent Medicare beneficiaries used hospice for 24 months, nearly \$2 billion, could be saved by the Medicare program 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.

WHEREAS, WV Caring, formally known as, Hospice Care Corporation, has faithfully served WV for nearly 40 years in Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I Sisic Cvecko by virtue of the authority vested in me by Debra W. Combs hereby proclaim November 2022 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and education.