

A Proclamation

National Hospice Palliative Care Month – November 2014

- WHEREAS:** Hospice and palliative care provides patients and families the highest quality care during life limiting illness and at the end of life, through expert pain management, symptom control, emotional support, and spiritual care to patients and family caregivers when a cure is not possible; and
- WHEREAS:** Every year, more than 1.6 million Americans living with a life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from hospice palliative care provider programs in communities throughout the United States. Hospice care is most effective for patients and families in the final months of life when families can take full advantage of the range of services hospice provides; and
- WHEREAS:** Professional and compassionate hospice staff – including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides and spiritual care providers – offer comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient and family; and
- WHEREAS:** The medical community has recognized hospice as a sub-specialty with an emerging group of health care providers who specialize in end of life care. More than 350,000 trained volunteers contributed 16 million hours of service to hospice programs last year; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing high-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 the utmost respect and care; and
- WHEREAS:** Local 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.
- THEREFORE:** We, the Commissioners of the City of Griffin, of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month in the City of Griffin and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life;
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Griffin to be affixed this 11th day of November, two thousand and fourteen.

Ryan McLemore, Chairperson
City of Griffin Commission

Kenny Smith, City Manager

