



Alachua County Commission Proclaims November Hospice and Palliative Care Month

GAINEVILLE, Fla. – At its November 8 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County issued a proclamation designating November as Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Alachua County.

Celebrated nationally, this focus on hospice and palliative care provides an opportunity to recognize the physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, grief support specialists, health aides, clergy and volunteers whose skills, dedication and compassion each year assist more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness and provide support for their families. Through pain management, symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, hospice and palliative care teams make a difference at a critical time in the lives of these patients and their families.

“Hospice and Palliative Care Month also reminds everyone in our local communities that they are not alone at such times,” added Regional Director David Dingus in accepting the proclamation on behalf of Hospice of the Nature Coast. “They have many caring, compassionate neighbors willing to help them, support them and guide them on their journey,” he said.

Hospice of the Nature Coast, a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc., licensed 1985, is a nonprofit charitable organization which provides comprehensively responsive and compassionate end-of-life services to the terminally ill and their families

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in 12 counties of north central Florida. For more information, call 866-642-0962 or visit www.hospiceofthenaturecoast.org.

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Having received Alachua County’s Hospice and Palliative Care Month proclamation from Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney (left), David Dingus, regional director for Hospice of the Nature Coast, thanks the Board of County Commissioners and the community, saying, “This month and every month, we thank you for the privilege of serving all of you in Alachua County.”