



WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by the people important to them; and

WHEREAS, the hospice model is built on an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment and support, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and

WHEREAS, beyond providing clinical treatment, hospice attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual, and social needs, and provides family services like caregiver training, respite care, and bereavement support; and

WHEREAS, community-based palliative care, which delivers expertise to improve quality of life through pain and symptom control and other support, can be provided at any time during a serious illness, and given that hospice organizations are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care; and

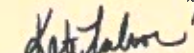
WHEREAS, over the course of the last two decades, we have seen increased access to hospice care for people of color, yet we recognize that continued efforts to improve care to diverse communities are essential; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators for advance care planning, which helps individuals make informed decisions about the care they need.

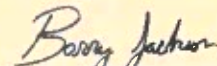
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **November 2025 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month** and encourage all residents to increase their knowledge about person-centered, holistic care for all individuals facing serious and life-limiting illness, discuss their health care wishes with those they care about, and mark this month with appropriate learning, sharing, caring, and outreach.




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