



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

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

*WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care professionals are dedicated to helping diverse communities access quality end-of-life care and are committed to removing barriers to accessing care; and*

*WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and*

*WHEREAS, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully and make more meaningful moments until the end, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; 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, every year more than 1.5 to 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. More than 355,000 trained volunteers contribute 16 million hours of service to hospice programs annually in the U.S.; 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, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim November 2015 as*

## *National Hospice Palliative Care Month*

*in Prattville, Alabama and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 1st day of November 2015.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.