



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care annually from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, hospice offers a distinctive way of caring for terminally ill patients and their families, enabling them to live comfortably and peacefully in their final days; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care offer those they serve the high-quality of care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals and trained volunteers that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and more; and

WHEREAS, the hospice and palliative care philosophy places the needs of the individual at the center of care allowing patients and family caregivers to focus on quality of life, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

Hospice and Palliative Care Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of September, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Scott Hargitt

Secretary of State