

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

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, pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance and emotional and spiritual support, allows 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, every year more than 1.5 to 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illnesses, and their families, receives care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Haven Hospice believes that everyone deserves comfort, care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Haven Hospice had the honor and privilege to provide direct care to 5,717 individuals facing a life-limiting illness throughout its 18-county service area in 2014. During that time, Haven provided counseling and grief support services to 7,880 individuals and families in the communities it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2015 as

## *National Hospice Palliative Care Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to increase understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2015.



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Mayor