

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Haven has helped provide comfort and dignity to thousands of people in North Florida, allowing them to live their last months, weeks or days comfortably with the people they love; and

WHEREAS, Haven utilizes an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and

WHEREAS, beyond providing physical treatment, Haven attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling; and

WHEREAS, Haven provides community-based palliative care, which delivers expertise to improve quality of life and relief from pain and can be provided at any time during an illness; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly fragmented and broken health care system, hospice is one of the few sectors that demonstrates how health care can - and should - work at its best for its patients; and

WHEREAS, every year 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States, including Haven; and

WHEREAS, Haven is an advocate and educator about Advance Care Planning that helps individuals make decisions about the care they want; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have pledged to put patients first in all of its programs - including hospice - ensuring a coordinated and patient-led approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2019 as

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and increase understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and 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 30th day of October, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor