

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Good Shepherd Hospice provides patients and families the highest quality care during life-limiting illness and at the end of life, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, last year, nearly 4,000 area residents living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from Good Shepherd Hospice; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff—including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy—provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient; and

WHEREAS, nearly 500 trained volunteers contribute their time, valued at \$670,000, to Good Shepherd Hospice; and

WHEREAS, providing high-quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect, care and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the care providers of Good Shepherd Hospice encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, Good Shepherd Hospice has been a part of the Lake Wales community for more than 30 years, providing compassionate hospice care to all those facing the many challenges of advanced illnesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Lake Wales, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 4th day of November 2014.

Mayor Eugene Fultz