

**PROCLAMATION  
NUMBER 2021-134**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER, 2021 AS NATIONAL  
HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH.**

**WHEREAS**, for 42 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 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**, 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, HEREBY BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Levy County, Florida, that November 2021 shall be recognized as:

**NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH**

and, furthermore, encourage the citizens of Levy County to increase their 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.

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ATTEST:**

Clerk of the Circuit Court and  
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

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John Meeks, Chairman

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Danny J. Shipp

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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