

**PROCLAMATION
NUMBER 2020-120**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER, 2020 AS NATIONAL
HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH.**

WHEREAS, for 41 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, 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 2020 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 3rd day of November, 2020.

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

Matthew Brooks, Chairman

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

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney