



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Hospice care empowers people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, in spite of serious and life-limiting illness; and

WHEREAS: Hospice care affords patients and family members the highest quality assistance, delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals, including: physicians; nurses; social workers; therapists; counselors; health aides; spiritual care providers; and others who make the wishes of the patient and family a priority; and

WHEREAS: Through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, patients are able to enjoy a more fulfilling life, even in life's waning moments; and

WHEREAS: 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illnesses and their families receive care from hospice programs, and 400,000 trained volunteers contribute 19 million hours of service to hospice programs annually; and

WHEREAS: Hospice care providers encourage people to learn more about options of care and share their wishes with family, loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014, as:

HOSPICE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of October.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE