



## PROCLAMATION

### Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado Recognizing November 2013 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month

#### “To Celebrate and Affirm all that Hospice does for Patients and Families”

*WHEREAS*, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and,

*WHEREAS*, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and,

*WHEREAS*, 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*, each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients, and comfort to families anywhere at any time; and,

*WHEREAS*, every year an estimated 1.6 million American living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation’s hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and,

*WHEREAS*, more than 400,000 trained volunteers contribute 20 million hours of service to hospice programs annually; and,

*WHEREAS*, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes the month of November 2013 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month and encourages citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care not only at the end-of-life, but when complex medical care is needed to assist in the return to independence, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 12th day of November, 2013.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors