

Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing the Month of November, 2012 as National Home Care and Hospice Month "Heroes in Home Care and Hospice"

WHEREAS, Home Care and Hospice provide the highest quality of care to patients and families and bring comfort, love and respect for all those they serve in communities across the nation and here in El Dorado County, California; and

WHEREAS, Home Care and Hospice providers take the time to ask what's important to those they are caring for – and listen to what their patients and families say; and

WHEREAS, Hospice providers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, home health aides, and Hospice clergy through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allow patients to live fully up until their final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Home Care providers including Skilled Nurses, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists, Medical Social Workers and Home Health Aides deliver highly skilled, technically current care for patients who are not able to leave their homes; and

WHEREAS, the provision of quality Home Care and Hospice services 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 and care; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, every year, Home Care patients receive skilled care and are able to stay in their homes and receive complex care that leads to the best potential for returning to independence; and

WHEREAS, Home Care and Hospice 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 2012 as National Home Care and Hospice 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 their return to independence and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of November, 2012.

Attest: James S. Mitrisin Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk