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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1196

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HOSPICE CARE AND HOSPICE OF JUNEAU.

WHEREAS, Hospice of Juneau has provided hospice care to numerous individuals, has trained many volunteers to provide hospice care, and has provided excellent hospice services to the people of the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, hospice care has been demonstrated to be a humanitarian way for terminally ill patients to approach the end of their lives in relative comfort with appropriate, competent, and compassionate care in an environment of personal individuality and dignity, and

WHEREAS, the hospice concept advocates care of the patient and family by attending to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, and

WHEREAS, hospice care is provided by an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, psychological and spiritual counselors, and community volunteers trained in the hospice concept of care, and

WHEREAS, hospice care is proving to be an effective and economical alternative to unnecessary institutionalization for many terminally ill patients, and

WHEREAS, hospice care is rapidly becoming a full partner in the nation's health care delivery system, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of a hospice benefit under Medicare, which became effective November 1, 1986, makes it possible for many more elderly Americans to have the opportunity to elect to receive hospice care, and


WHEREAS, there remains a great need to increase public awareness of the benefits of hospice care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

That the City and Borough of Juneau officially recognizes November 1986 as National Hospice Month and calls on all city governmental agencies, the medical community, appropriate private organizations, and the people of the City and Borough of Juneau to observe this month with appropriate forums, programs, and activities designed to encourage citywide recognition of and support for Hospice of Juneau and for hospice care as a humane response to the needs of the terminally ill and as a viable component of the health care delivery system in this city.

Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of November 1986.



Deputy Mayor

Attest:



Clerk