

**PROCLAMATION
HOSPICE APPRECIATION MONTH
NOVEMBER 2019**

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services provide for an individual's health and social needs across the continuum of life-compassionate care, which serves expectant mothers, infants, children, adults, the disabled and elderly, and also provides love, comfort and support at the end of life; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Association for Home & Hospice of North Carolina, home care and hospice agencies provided health and social needs to approximately 400,000 North Carolina citizens last year in their home; and,

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services enable North Carolina's citizens to receive quality health and social services in their own home, surrounded by family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, home care and hospices services strengthen the family bond and support families as they care for their loved ones at home, lessening caregiver burnout and unnecessary placement in costly institutional settings; and,

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services build upon a strong tradition of care and compassion, striving to keep families together while preserving an individual's independence and dignity in setting of their choice...home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bettie J. Parker, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, do proclaim November 2019, as National Hospice Appreciation Month in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to take a moment to thank hospice workers for their integral position and selfless efforts within our community.

Proclaimed this the 12th day of November, 2019.

Bettie J. Parker
Mayor

April D. Onley
City Clerk