

NHPCO Issues National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation 2021

November 2021 Marks a Month of Awareness and Outreach for U.S. Hospice and Palliative Care Providers

ALEXANDRIA, VA, US, November 1, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In

recognition of November being National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, the [National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization](#)

has issued the following Proclamation calling for greater awareness and understanding of hospice care and community-based palliative care.



“

All of these activities will raise awareness of the important work that is done every single day in communities across this nation to serve those with serious or life-limiting illnesses,”

Edo Banach

“This November, we once again take time to acknowledge National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. For many among the provider community, it will involve media engagement, others will focus on community outreach, still others will take time this month to celebrate colleagues and recognize their volunteers. All of these activities will raise awareness of the important work that is done every single day in communities across this nation to serve those with serious or life-limiting illnesses,” said NHPCO President and CEO Edo Banach. “With this thought in mind, NHPCO issues this proclamation for November 2021.”

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by the people important to them;

WHEREAS, the hospice model is built on an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment and support, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care;

WHEREAS, beyond providing clinical treatment, hospice attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and social needs, and provides family services like caregiver training, respite care, and bereavement support;

WHEREAS, community-based palliative care, which delivers expertise to improve quality of life through pain and symptom control and other support, can be provided at any time during a serious illness, and given that hospice organizations are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care;

WHEREAS, in an increasingly fragmented and broken health care system, hospice is one of the few sectors that demonstrates how health care can – and should – work at its best for the people it serves;

WHEREAS, 1.61 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness and their families received care from the nation's hospice programs* in communities throughout the United States in 2019;

WHEREAS, over the course of the last two decades, we have seen increasing access of hospice care by Black and Hispanic Medicare beneficiaries,* yet NHPCO recognizes that continued efforts to improve care to diverse communities is essential;

WHEREAS, data shows significant changes in patient diagnoses,* calling for innovation in how hospices provide care to those in need;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the care they want;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage all Americans to increase their knowledge about person-centered, holistic care for all individuals facing serious and life-limiting illness, discuss their health care wishes with those they care about, and mark this month with appropriate learning and sharing.



* See NHPCO's Facts and Figures Report (2021 edition).

Affirmed by the NHPCO Board of Directors
Alexandria, Virginia
November 1, 2021

More information about hospice, palliative care, coping with serious illness, advance care planning, and more is available from NHPCO's consumer website, www.CaringInfo.org.

NHPCO encourages all individuals to participate in National Hospice and Palliative Care Month's [Social Media Action Day](#) on Friday, November 5, 2021, to increase awareness about hospice and palliative care.

-###-

About NHPCO

As the leading organization representing integrated, person-centered healthcare, NHPCO gives ongoing inspiration, practical guidance, and legislative and regulatory representation to hospice and palliative care providers so they can enrich experiences for patients and ease caregiving responsibilities and emotional stress for families. Visit www.nhpc.org.

Jon Radulovic

NHPCO

571-412-3973

jradulovic@nhpc.org

Visit us on social media:

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Other](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/555218751>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2021 IPD Group, Inc. All Right Reserved.