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National Volunteer Week Proclamation 10-03
April 18-24, 2010

Hope, Dignity, Love...Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers

Whereas, more than 400,000 trained volunteers give of their time, talents, and hearts in hospices and palliative care programs across the nation, with more than 600 of those volunteers being in Pasco County at Gulfside Regional Hospice; and

Whereas, it is estimated that hospice and palliative care volunteers contribute more than 16 million hours of service annually, and almost 71,848 of those hours are provided in Pasco County to Gulfside Regional Hospice patients and their families; which included volunteers assisting in all aspects at Gulfside, from helping at Gulfside's Hospice Houses and in patient's homes, providing companionship at the end-of-life for patients, working as office volunteers and at Gulfside Regional Hospice Thrift Shoppes, and serving as board members; and

Whereas, these hospice volunteers are essential members of the interdisciplinary team providing support, companionship and care to an estimated 1.4 million patients and their family caregivers every year, with more than 1,000 of those patients being from Gulfside Regional Hospice ; and

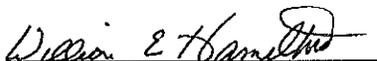
Whereas, hospice and palliative care programs annually coordinate the equivalent of almost \$77 million in volunteer services for the benefit of their patients and families, with \$1,233,308 worth of services provided by Gulfside Regional Hospice volunteers; and

Whereas, hospice and palliative care volunteers make sure that the people they care for and their families find hope within each day, have their dignity preserved, and are surrounded by love even at the final moments of life; and

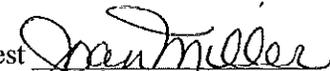
Whereas, National Volunteer Week provides the opportunity to recognize the contributions of caring hospice volunteers and raise awareness of the benefits of hospice and palliative care; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, William Hamilton, Mayor Pro Tem, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2010, Hospice Volunteer Week in the Town of St. Leo and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about and participating in, the provision of hospice care to those in our community. It is further to be declared by the Mayor that Gulfside Regional Hospice's more than 600 volunteers are commended for their outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Pasco County.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.


William Hamilton, Mayor Pro Tem

Date 4-12-2010

Attest 
Joan Miller, Town Clerk