**HOME CARE and HOSPICE MONTH**

**Draft Proclamation for your local communities!**

**WHEREAS,** home care, hospice and palliative care services help provide for an individual’s health and social needs across the continuum of life, from expectant mothers, infants, and children, to adults, the disabled, the elderly, and individuals with serious and life-limiting illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** as an alternative to hospitalization and other institution-based placements, home, hospice and palliative care agencies across the Palmetto State are staffed by interdisciplinary teams of skilled and compassionate professionals and volunteers who provide for the health and social needs of many thousands of South Carolinians each year; and

**WHEREAS,** home care, hospice, and palliative care services enable our citizens to receive quality health and social services, including pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support surrounded by family and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** building on a strong tradition of quality care and compassion, home care, hospice and palliative care services help strengthen the family bond while preserving the patient’s independence and dignity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I do hereby proclaim November [enter year], as “**HOME CARE, HOSPICE, and PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH**” in South Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.