



## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 10/12/2023 Meeting Date: 11/2/2023

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

### 1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Proclamation No. 2023P-09 - Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Haven Hospice has requested this proclamation.

### 2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve

### 3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

## NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2023

*Seasons of Caring; the Caring of Hospice and Palliative Care*

### PROCLAMATION 2023P-09

**WHEREAS**, for more than 40 years, Haven has helped provide comfort and dignity to thousands of people in north Florida, allowing them to live their last months, weeks or days comfortably with the people they love;

**WHEREAS**, Haven utilizes an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care;

**WHEREAS**, beyond providing physical treatment, Haven attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling;

**WHEREAS**, Haven provides community-based palliative care, which delivers expertise to improve quality of life and relief from pain and can be provided at any time during an illness;

**WHEREAS**, every year 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States, including Haven;

**WHEREAS**, Haven is an advocate and educator about Advance Care Planning that helps individuals make decisions about the care they want;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have pledged to put patients first in all of its program, including hospice, ensuring a coordinated and patient-led approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners do hereby declare November 2023 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

**Duly proclaimed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023**

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Rocky Ford, Chairman

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James M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk of Court

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