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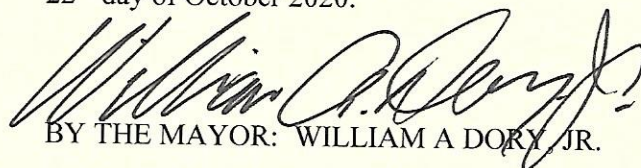
- WHEREAS,** for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home surrounded by their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS,** the hospice model involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and
- WHEREAS,** beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling; and
- WHEREAS,** palliative care delivers expertise to improve quality of life and relief from pain, can be provided at any time during an illness, and hospices are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care; and
- WHEREAS,** in an increasingly fragmented health care system, hospice is one of the few sectors that demonstrates how health care can—and should—work at its best for its patient; and
- WHEREAS,** 1.55-million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the care they want; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have pledged to put patients first in all of its programs—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, I, William A. Dory, Jr., Mayor of Greencastle, proclaim November 2020 as

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

in the City of Greencastle, 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of October 2020.



BY THE MAYOR: WILLIAM A DORY, JR.