

State of Texas §  
County of Comal §

# Proclamation

## Recognizing November 2013 as “National Hospice Palliative Care Month” in Comal County

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, every year more than 1.65 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation’s hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 450,000 trained volunteers contribute 21 million hours of service to hospice programs annually; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, HOPE HOSPICE is Comal County’s only community-owned, not-for-profit hospice care provider and will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby proclaim November 2013 as **National Hospice Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2013.

*Absent*

Sherman Krause, County Judge

*Donna Eccleston*  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner, Pct 1

*Scott Haag*  
Scott Haag, Commissioner, Pct 2

*Kevin Webb*  
Kevin Webb, Commissioner, Pct 3

*Jan Kennady*  
Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct, 4

Attest: *Joy Streater*  
Joy Streater, County Clerk

