



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTY OF COMAL       §  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS   §

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible, combining the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing a serious illness or the end of life; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice provides compassionate care that enables patients and families who need it most to focus on living to the fullest despite a life-limiting illness, and bringing peace to individuals in the final months of life; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice care is about meeting people where they are, providing medical services, emotional support, and spiritual resources and by helping families and caregivers manage the details and emotional challenges of caring for a dying loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice care ensures that patients and families find dignity, respect and love during life's most difficult journey; and

**WHEREAS**, each year 1.4 million Americans live with life-limiting illness, and their families receive care from over 4,000 hospice and palliative care programs in communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, professional and compassionate hospice and palliative care staff and trained volunteers-including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy – provide comprehensive care making the wishes of each patient a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, providing high quality hospice care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of each person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and dignified care.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim November 2023, as

## **HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH**

in New Braunfels, Texas, and I do thereby encourage citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice and palliative care services, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor**