

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

We recognize the importance of ensuring patients can access hospice and palliative care services. This is why we are writing today to respectfully request that you issue a Presidential Proclamation designating November 2020 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

November was first declared National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in 1978. Presidents of both parties have issued proclamations recognizing the importance of hospice and palliative care. During our service in the Senate, we have seen firsthand the value both hospice and palliative care provide to our constituents.


As you know, hospice provides expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support for those entering the end of life. Hospices operate in all 50 states, and there are over 4,600 Medicare-certified hospices nationwide. In addition, hospices extend support to the broader community, providing bereavement services for families impacted by local and national crises.

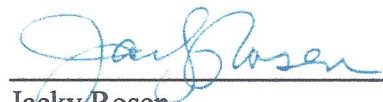
In addition, palliative care is an interdisciplinary approach to specialized medical and nursing care for people with serious illness or injury. Palliative care optimizes quality of life while providing pain and symptom management and psychosocial and spiritual support at any stage of illness.

We value and support the work of hospice and palliative care providers in our local communities. These dedicated professionals make a real difference in the lives of patients and their families. As National Hospice and Palliative Care Month approaches, we ask that you join us in recognizing this important work by issuing a Presidential Proclamation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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