

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK Hope, Dignity, Love... Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers

**WHEREAS**, more than 400,000 trained volunteers give of their time, talents, and hearts in hospices and palliative care programs across the nation, with 450 of those volunteers being in Pasco County at Gulfside Regional Hospice; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that hospice and palliative care volunteers contribute more than 16 million hours of service annually, and almost 70,000 of those hours are provided in Pasco County to Gulfside Regional Hospice patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, these hospice volunteers are essential members of the interdisciplinary team providing support, companionship and care to an estimated 1.4 million patients and their family caregivers each year, with more than 1,000 of those patients being from Gulfside Regional Hospice; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care programs annually coordinate the equivalent of almost \$77 million in volunteer services for the benefit of their patients and families, with \$980,000 worth of services provided by Gulfside Regional Hospice volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care volunteers make certain that the people they care for and their families, find hope within each day, have their dignity preserved, and are surrounded by love even at the final moments of life; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week provides the opportunity to recognize the contributions of caring hospice volunteers and raise awareness of the benefits of hospice and palliative care; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Scott Black as Mayor of Dade City, Florida, and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2009, **HOSPICE VOLUNTEER WEEK** in the City of Dade City and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about and participating in, the providing of hospice care to those in our community. It is further declared by Mayor Black that Gulfside Regional Hospice's 450 volunteers are to be commended for their outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Dade City and Pasco County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dade City, Florida to be affixed this 14th day of April, A. D., 2009.

**ATTEST:**

**DADE CITY, FLORIDA**

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City Clerk

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Mayor