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Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming November 2021 as Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

In October 2021, representatives of Hospice of the Foothills contacted the County requesting a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors proclaiming November 2021 as Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Nevada County. November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month with the goal to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care services with the 2021 theme "It's about how you live."

As outlined by the National Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Association, "Hospice and palliative care programs across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care. Hospice [provides] high-quality care that enables patients and families to focus on living as fully as possible despite a life-limiting illness. Palliative care brings this holistic model of care to people earlier in the course of a serious illness... 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. These programs combine 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."

Currently, hospice and palliative care services are provided by several services providers throughout the County including local nonprofit organization Hospice of the Foothills. Hospice of the Foothills provides services to approximately 500 patients and families each year in Nevada County. Other critical partners include but are not limited to Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital and Tahoe Forest Hospital. Therefore, staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution.

Item Initiated by Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst

Approved by Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board