

Home Care and Hospice Month Proclamation

Whereas, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis; and

Whereas, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as the possibly can; and

Whereas, home care in Texas is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to hundreds of thousands of Texans each year; and

Whereas, hospice care provides humane and comforting support of terminally ill patients and their families, including pain control, palliative medical care, and social, emotional and spiritual services; and

Whereas, hospice fulfills basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

Whereas, there is a need to increase public discussion about advances in pain control and the care options available to individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds who are at the end of life; and

Whereas, the Texas Association for Home Care and home care and hospice providers in Texas have declared November 2008 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" with the theme of "Home Care: The Power of Choice, the Comfort of Home" and are calling on all Texans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Now, therefore, We The Williamson County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim November 2008 as "HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH" and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care and hospice philosophy of care for the elderly, disabled and the terminally ill.



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge