

PROCLAMATION
National Hospice Month
November 2007

WHEREAS, Hospice of Michigan extends care to all citizens who need and seek end-of-life care; and strives to improve hospice and palliative care for all people in Michigan and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Michigan was the first certified hospice in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, now nearly 4,000 professionals and 9,000 volunteers provide end-of-life services to more than 4,000 people in approximately 119 licensed hospice programs throughout the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase public discussion about care choices at the end of life; including advances in pain control, and the importance of comfort at this important life passage; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Michigan joins the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and an estimated 3,100 hospice providers nationwide in declaring November 2007 as National Hospice Month, and calls on all Americans to honor this occasion with ceremonies and activities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hiestje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as National Hospice Month and encourage citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

*I hereby set my hand and seal
This 1st day of November, 2007.*



John Hiestje
John Hiestje, Mayor