

*WHEREAS*, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, hospice care offers the highest quality services and support to patients and family caregivers facing serious and life-limiting illness;

WHEREAS, hospice care providers take the time to ask what is important to those for whom they are caring – and listen to what their patients and families say;

WHEREAS, skilled and compassionate hospice care professionals – including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy – provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient;

WHEREAS, pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support allows patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers;

WHEREAS, the provision of quality hospice care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care;

WHEREAS, every year more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation’s hospice programs in communities throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, more than 468,000 trained volunteers contribute 22 million hours of service to hospice programs annually;

WHEREAS, hospice care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013, as

***“HOSPICE OF CENTRAL OHIO MONTH”***

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 4th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor