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Commissioner Kevin Beckner to recognize National Hospice Month at LifePath Hospice Melech Hospice House on Nov. 12

TAMPA – Hillsborough County Commissioner Kevin Beckner will recognize National Hospice Month at a ceremony on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at the LifePath Hospice Melech Hospice House, 11125 North 52nd Street in Temple Terrace. The event will be held in the memorial brick garden, where Commissioner Beckner will present a county proclamation to LifePath Hospice Executive Director Roxanne Riley to acknowledge the dedicated end-of-life care the organization provides to patients and families across the county.

“We are very excited that Commissioner Beckner is taking time out of his busy day to help us celebrate this month,” said Riley. “As one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit hospice providers, we appreciate that the commissioner and Hillsborough County are recognizing the hard work our staff and volunteers perform each day.”

LifePath Hospice was founded as Hospice of Hillsborough in 1983, and for more than 25 years has provided compassionate end-of-life care for patients and families facing the challenges of terminal illnesses. Healthcare professionals and trained volunteers care for approximately 1,200 patients each day in Hillsborough County.

LifePath Hospice provides medical, social, spiritual and emotional care through a team of professionals and volunteers who address the needs of patients and their loved ones. Care is provided in patients’ homes, whether that is a residence, assisted living facility, nursing home or hospital.

LifePath Hospice accepts all patients diagnosed with a terminal illness. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance pay for hospice care; however, LifePath Hospice turns no one away due to an inability to pay.

About LifePath Hospice

LifePath Hospice is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports and serves approximately 1,200 patients each day in Hillsborough County as they face the challenges of life-limiting illnesses. Healthcare professionals and trained volunteers embrace the LifePath Hospice mission to make the most of life by relieving the suffering of patients and their families affected by end-of-life issues. The organization is a 2008 recipient of a Circle of Life Citation of Honor Award, which celebrates innovation in palliative and end-of-life care. LifePath Hospice is accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's premier healthcare accrediting agency. For more information, visit the LifePath Hospice website at www.lifepath-hospice.org

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