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Haven Hospice scores proclamation; feeds veterans and more



Haven Hospice Administrator Anita Howard prepares before taking the podium on Tuesday morning (Nov. 8).
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BRONSON --
During the Tuesday morning (Nov. 8) meeting of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, the Commission approved a

proclamation to declare November as National Hospice Month.

Haven Hospice Administrator Anita Howard of the Tri-County Haven Hospice Care Center located in Chiefland sought and received the proclamation.

On Friday (Nov. 4), Haven Hospice fed 200 United States military veterans, spouses and other guests during its Annual Veterans Luncheon.

(The following five photographs were provided as a courtesy by Haven Hospice's Volunteer Coordinator Vondla Sullivan. Among the things that can be seen in them from the luncheon to honor veterans, in the top photo, the Levy County Sheriff's Honor Guard is at the back wall, and Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum Jr. is there in the blue shirt.)



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During a recent fundraiser at a historic location in Levy County, Haven Hospice celebrated its 10th Fall On The Farm event with 300 guests, Howard said when she was asked.



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As for the proclamation for the month of November 2016, that was unanimously approved after a motion by County Commissioner Lilly Rooks was seconded by County Commissioner Rock Meeks, with Chairman John Meeks and commissioners Danny Stevens and Mike Joyner approving the motion, the proclamation said hospice and palliative care empowers people facing serious or life-limiting illnesses so that they can live as fully as possible, surrounded by family and loved ones.

The proclamation went on to say “Whereas, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully and make more meaningful moments until the end, surrounded and

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supported by the faces of loved ones, friends and committed caregivers; and

“Whereas, every year more than 1.5 to 1.6 million Americans living with life-limiting illnesses, and their families received care from the nation’s hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

“Whereas, Haven Hospice believes that everyone deserves comfort, care and compassion; and

“Whereas, Haven Hospice had the honor and privilege to provide direct care to 14,853 individuals facing a life-limiting illness throughout its 19-county service area in 2015. During that time...”

The proclamation noted that in 2015 Haven Hospice provided counseling and grief support services to 8,628 individuals and families in the communities it serves.

The Levy County Commission declared November 2016 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month, and it encourages Levy County residents and visitors to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

The proclamation was signed by County Commission Chairman Meeks.