

City of Statesville, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Child Grief Awareness Day and National Hospice & Palliative Care Month November 2025

WHEREAS, November is recognized across the United States as *National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*, a time to honor the compassionate professionals and volunteers who provide comfort, dignity, and support to individuals and families facing serious illness or the end of life; and

WHEREAS, *Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County (HPCIC)* has served our community for more than four decades, ensuring that every person receives expert medical care, emotional support, and spiritual comfort, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, hospice care affirms life and regards dying as a natural process, helping patients live their remaining days with peace while providing families with vital guidance and understanding; and

WHEREAS, November also includes *National Children's Grief Awareness Day*—observed on the Thursday before Thanksgiving—a day dedicated to recognizing the millions of children who experience the death of a loved one each year, and

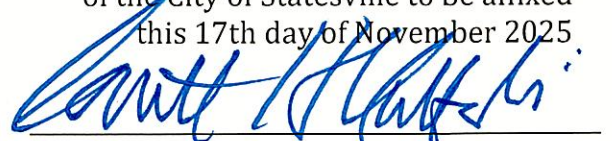
WHEREAS, through *Rainbow Kidz*, HPCIC provides free grief counseling and support to children offering school-based groups, individual sessions, and special programs that help children express their feelings, find hope, and heal together; and

WHEREAS, both hospice and children's bereavement services reflect the same mission of compassion—helping individuals and families navigate loss with love, dignity, and strength; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of HPCIC's staff, volunteers, and supporters strengthens our entire community, ensuring that no child or family faces illness or grief alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim **November 2025** as **NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH AND NATIONAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY** in the City of Statesville and encourage all residents to support the mission of Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County and the Rainbow Kidz program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set
my Hand and caused the Great Seal
of the City of Statesville to be affixed
this 17th day of November 2025.


Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor