

2012 Home Care and Hospice Month Proclamation

Whereas, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis; and

Whereas, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as they possibly can; and

Whereas, home care in Texas is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to hundreds of thousands of Texans each year; and

Whereas, hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill patients and their families, including pain control, palliative medical care, and social, emotional and spiritual services; and

Whereas, hospice fulfills basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

Whereas, there is a need to increase public discussion about advances in pain control and the care options available to individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds who are at the end of life; and

Whereas, the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice, and home care and hospice providers in Texas have declared November 2012 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" with the theme of "Home Is Where The Heart Is" and are calling on all Texans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Now, therefore, We, The Bosque County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim November 2012 as "HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH" and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care and hospice philosophy of care for the elderly, disabled and the terminally ill.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on this 22nd day of October, 2012.



County Judge