**WHEREAS**, it is the *Mission of Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* to provide quality mind, body and spirit patient centered care while supporting, serving, and educating our community about end-of-life tribulations;

**WHEREAS**, the provision of quality hospice and palliative care upholds the dignity of every individual, regardless of age, health, social status, citizenship, race, or religion, ensuring that all stages of life are treated with respect and care;

**WHEREAS**, *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* provides high-quality hospice and palliative care services to patients with terminal and chronic illnesses. Their compassionate team, including physicians, nurses, social workers, health aides, and clergy, focuses on the needs and wishes of patients and their families*;*

**WHEREAS,** *Arkansas Valley Hospice Inc.* addresses emotional, spiritual, and family needs beyond physical treatment, offering services like respite care and bereavement counseling;

**WHEREAS**, *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* prioritizes patients in all programs, including hospice care. They ensure a coordinated, patient-led approach that respects individual choices and needs, aiming to enhance the quality of life for both patients and family caregivers;

**WHEREAS**, each year, individuals living with terminal and chronic illnesses, receive compassionate care through the programs offered by *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* This support extends to the communities of La Junta, Rocky Ford, Fowler, Manzanola, Swink, Ordway, Olney Springs, Crowley, Sugar City, Las Animas, Arlington, Haswell, Cheraw, Hasty, Avondale, Boone, and Kim;

**WHEREAS**, *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* relies on community donations to support patient care, allowing services to be provided at no charge. It is the only local hospice where donations stay within the community;

**WHEREAS**, *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* volunteers, assist with the needs of those living with terminal and chronic illnesses and that of their family and loved ones;

**WHEREAS**, Hospice and palliative care providers at *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* encourage everyone to educate themselves about available care options and to communicate their preferences with family members, loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, proclaim **November 2024** as **Hospice and** **Palliative Care Month.**  I call upon the citizens of Rocky Ford, CO to join *Arkansas Valley Hospice, Inc.* to increase their understanding and awareness of hospice and palliative care, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.