



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois recognize the dedication and efforts of the  
4 Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization for more than  
5 20 years of service to terminally ill citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 885,000 terminally ill  
7 patients and their families rely on end-of-life care provided  
8 by approximately 3,200 hospice locations in communities  
9 throughout the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care  
11 Organization served more than 25,000 terminally ill patients  
12 and their loved ones in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, Hospice care allows patients and families to  
14 receive professional medical services, pain and symptom  
15 control, and emotional and spiritual support, without  
16 hospitalization; and

17 WHEREAS, Hospice care creates a compassionate atmosphere,  
18 where patients are allowed to die with dignity, wherever they  
19 call home, surrounded and supported by loved ones, familiar  
20 friends, and committee caregivers; and

21 WHEREAS, The Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care  
22 Organization serves as a clearinghouse for information on  
23 end-of-life issues and offers several educational  
24 opportunities for professionals and volunteers in the field of  
25 hospice; and

26 WHEREAS, The Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care  
27 Organization responds to requests from the general public for  
28 information and referrals on end-of-life care and family care  
29 giving; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2   NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3   we do hereby proclaim November 2005 as Hospice Month in  
4   Illinois and encourage all citizens to be cognizant of the many  
5   great services the Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care  
6   Organization provides to the people in Illinois.