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*June 21, 2023*

*Sandra B. Greene, DrPH*

*North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council*

*Dear Mrs. Greene,*

*I am writing in support of Dr. Kevin Allison and his application for a certificate of need for Heart and Soul Hospice. Dr. Allison and I met several months ago, and he shared with me his vision of establishing a black owned and operated hospice agency in our geographic area and I was very impressed with his plans and his many years of experience providing end of life care. Our practice serves a very diverse patient base, but several of our patients are African American and elderly, it seems to me an obvious decision to grant certification to Heart and Soul, especially given the recent pandemic and clear indications that we still have dramatic disparities in health care delivery based on race.*

*We are pleased to offer support to this application and pledge to do all we can to guarantee its success.*

*Warmly,*

*Rev. Terrance C. Grooms*