

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** There are about 38,000 individuals living in Oregon's long-term care facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and Oregon Revised Statute 410.010 states that "in keeping with the traditional concept of the inherent dignity of the individual in our democratic society, the older citizens of this state are entitled to enjoy their later years in health, honor and dignity, and citizens with disabilities are entitled to live lives of maximum freedom and independence"; and
- WHEREAS:** All residents of long-term care settings should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS:** We wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and groups across the country will celebrate Residents' Rights Month with the theme "My Vote Matters" to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy, and resident-centered decision-making.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2016** to be

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 20, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State