## STATE OF OREGON

## PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**: There are over 45,000 Oregonians living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities,

residential care facilities, and adult foster homes throughout Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's Bill of Rights for residents in long-term care guarantees individual rights in

order to promote and maintain their dignity, autonomy, and right to be free from abuse

and neglect; and

**WHEREAS:** All Oregonians residing in these 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 residents, to recognize their rich individuality, and

reaffirm their right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month

with the theme – "Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them" – to emphasize the importance of residents being informed about their rights, being engaged partners in achieving quality care and quality of life, and feeling confident in speaking up about

what is important to them.

NOW, THEREFORE:

I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 2018 to be

## 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 8, 2018.

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State