

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS WEEK 2007 PROCLAMATION

Advancing Excellence: A Resident's Perspective on Quality

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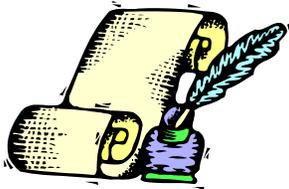
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Now, therefore, I, _____, Governor of the State of _____, do hereby proclaim October 7 – 13, 2007 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Week**, in the State of _____, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.



Signed this ____ day of _____ 2007

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