

WASHINGTON, DC
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Proclamation



RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS, Residents' Rights Month spotlights the more than 4,000 District of Columbia residents who live in long-term care facilities or receive long-term care services at home or in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act (NHRA) of 1987 established minimum standards for long-term rights, including the right to dignity, freedom from abuse, and the right to direct one's own care; and

WHEREAS, NHRA long-term care standards include access to medical treatment, medication supervision, accurate clinical records, certified staff, and facilities regularly inspected for compliance with the law; and

WHEREAS, under the theme, "The Power of My Voice," Residents' Rights Month 2024 will celebrate self-empowerment and the rights of residents to make their choices known, including the right to vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE WASHINGTON, DC do hereby proclaim October 2024, as "RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH" in the District of Columbia.

A handwritten signature of Muriel Bowser in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

