

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, over 1.3 million individuals live in 15,600 nursing homes and 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living or residential care facilities in the United States; and,*

*WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their rights to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and,*

*WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights to empower themselves to live with dignity and self-determination; and,*

*WHEREAS, to honor and celebrate these residents, we 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 celebrate Residents' Rights Month with the theme – Inspiring Unity within Our Community – emphasizing the importance of fostering meaningful community within the facility and encouraging residents' connection to their local community;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in Illinois and encourage all residents to join in the observances.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this* TWENTY-FIRST *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY-TWO, *and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* FOURTH.



*Dease White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR