

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT'S RIGHTS MONTH 2018

Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them

Whereas, There are more than 1.6 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.: 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

Whereas, all residents 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 to 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 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, Mayor Carol M. McCormack along with the Town Council of the Town of Palm Shores, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

National Long-Term care Resident's Right Month

in the Town of Palm Shores and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia J. Burke".

Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol M. McCormack".

Carol M. McCormack
Mayor