

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living/residential care facilities in the United States; 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 recognize residents' rich individuality and affirm their right to vote and participate politically, as well as the right to have a say in their care; and,

WHEREAS, joining individuals and groups across the country, Illinois' Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme - Amplify Our Voices - emphasizing a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in Illinois, and encourage all residents to join me in honoring residents living in long-term care settings, as well as recognizing the work of the individuals who help assure their dignity, privacy and other basic human rights are maintained.

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 FIFTEENTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR