



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, over 186,000 Floridians currently live in long-term care facilities; and**

**WHEREAS, long-term facilities include nursing homes and assisted living communities; and**

**WHEREAS, all Florida residents deserve to live with dignity and autonomy; and**

**WHEREAS, it is vital that those who are living in long-term care facilities maintain their basic rights, including the right to participate in their own care, the right to visitors, the right to be involved in the community, and the right to dignity, respect, and freedom; and**

**WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they can be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and**

**WHEREAS, in April, I signed the *No Patient Left Alone Act* into law to guarantee Florida families the fundamental right to visit and embrace their loved ones in settings like long-term care facilities regardless of vaccination status; and**

**WHEREAS, long-term care facility staff, families, ombudsman representatives, and other advocates work to promote quality long-term care; and**

**WHEREAS, National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month is an opportunity to celebrate and advocate for Floridians in long-term care facilities.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing October 2022 as *National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-two.**

  
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Governor