

WASHINGTON, DC  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

# Proclamation



## RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

OCTOBER 2018

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 throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,852 nursing home beds and 1,515 assisted living and other adult care facility beds in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the nation will celebrate Residents' Right Month to emphasize the importance of residents being informed about their rights, being engaged partners to achieve quality care and feel confident in speaking up about issues, concerns and decisions that affect them; 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 2018, in Washington, DC as "RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH."



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.