**National Long-Term Care**

**Residents' Rights Month 2021**

**Proclamation**

Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life

***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 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 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 – **“Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life”–** highlighting the need for residents’ rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted. It emphasizes the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents’ home, and the importance of residents reclaiming their own lives.

***Now, therefore, I,*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Governor of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as **National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month,** in the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021

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