

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **NATIONAL LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH OCTOBER 2020**

- WHEREAS,** *There are more than 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 from across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme - "Connection Matters" - to emphasize connections - to family, to friends, and to the community - as an essential component of good health and quality of life for residents.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2020 as NATIONAL LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH in Maryland, and commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Waberski*  
Secretary of State