National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2012
Proclamation

My Voice, My Vote, My Right

**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 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 to 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 —“My Voice, My Vote, My Right”— to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision-making.

**Now, therefore, I,________________________, Mayor of the City of ____________, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**, in the City of ____________, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this _____ day of ________ 2012

_________________________________________, Mayor