National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2016
Proclamation

My Vote Matters

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 Vote Matters"—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 2016 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 ________ 2016

_______________________________, Mayor