



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, there are over 63,000 individuals living in over 950 nursing homes in Ohio; and over 55,000 individuals living in over 800 assisted living/residential care facilities in Ohio; and

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 – "Amplify Our Voices" – a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, **Mike DeWine** and **John Husted**, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 2023 as

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

on this 1st day of October 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor