Residents’ Rights Month Info from Consumer Voice’s News Release: Across the country, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities along with family members, ombudsmen, citizen advocates, facility staff and others will honor the individual rights of long-term care residents by celebrating Residents’ Rights Month in October. Designated by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, this month highlights the importance of listening to residents who live in our country’s nursing homes, assisted living and board and care facilities.

As an ombudsman, you are encouraged to promote Residents’ Rights Month celebrations and events in your facilities. Visit the Consumer Voice’s website – www.theconsumervoice.org – for promotional materials and event ideas; stories of resident empowerment from across the country; materials for ombudsmen, social workers and others involved in the care at nursing homes, assisted living, and board and care facilities; activity ideas for residents to take part in Residents’ Rights Month; training programs/ideas for facility staff, fact sheets for residents and families and more.

“Residents’ Rights Month is an excellent opportunity to re-affirm our collective commitment to residents’ rights and to honor long-term care residents,” said Lori Smetanka, Consumer Voice Executive Director. “We want to recognize that residents deserve quality care.”

Thank you for working to make Residents’ Rights Month meaningful for all involved.
Residents are encouraged to answer any of the following questions:

1.) What do you want people to know about you and how you like to receive care?
2.) Share an example of how you exercise your rights on an ongoing basis.
3.) How do you work with staff, family and other residents to promote quality care and what can they do to help reach that goal?
4.) If you could give one piece of advice to a new resident about exercising their rights, what would it be?

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