In recognition of

Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

October 2012

Whereas on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation designating October 2012 as Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in the City of Cleveland; and,

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 United States; 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, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation designating October 2012 as Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in the City of Cleveland. I encourage all Clevelanders to learn more about the rights of long-term care residents and join me in observing this month through awareness and advocacy of this important initiative.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 1st day of October in the year 2012.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson