WHEREAS, over 1.3 million individuals live in 15,600 nursing homes and 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living or residential care facilities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their rights to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and,

WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights to empower themselves to live with dignity and self-determination; and,

WHEREAS, to honor and celebrate these residents, we 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 celebrate Residents’ Rights Month with the theme – Inspiring Unity within Our Community – emphasizing the importance of fostering meaningful community within the facility and encouraging residents’ connection to their local community;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month in Illinois and encourage all residents to join in the observances.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this TWENTY-FIRST day of SEPTEMBER, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and FOURTH.