



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION  
**Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island serves over 34,000 long term care residents; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws guarantee and protect the rights of residents to promote and maintain dignity and autonomy; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents in our state should be aware of their rights, so they can be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island reaffirms the rights of citizens living in long-term care residencies, including their rights to participate in decisions regarding health care, exercise their right to vote, and engage in the political process; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and groups across the country will celebrate this month with the theme "Stand for Quality" to emphasize the important of standing for quality in all aspects of residents' experiences;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim Octoberber 2019 as: *Long-Term Care Resident's Rights Month* in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 30 day of September, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea  
Secretary of State