



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.5 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and one million individuals living in 50,000 board and care homes and assisted living facilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,100 nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult family care homes with the capacity to serve over 188,000 residents in Florida; 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 nation and across Florida will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month to emphasize the importance of residents being informed about their rights; being engaged partners in achieving quality care and quality of life; and feeling confident in speaking up about what is important to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2018 as *National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of September, in the year two thousand eighteen.


Governor