**National Long-Term Care**

**Residents' Rights Month 2025**

**Proclamation**

Stand with Me

***Whereas,*** there are 1.2 million individuals living in 14,800 nursing homes; and over 1 million individuals living in 32,200 assisted living/residential care facilities in the U.S.; 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 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 – **“Stand with Me”–** highlighting the importance of solidarity and support for residents who stand up and advocate for their rights, as well as the value of encouraging the community to join residents in sharing their voices..

***Now, therefore, I,*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Governor of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month,** in the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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