

PROCLAMATION



“NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS MONTH” OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, there are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes; and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 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 to reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and group across the country will be celebrating 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, David Pennington, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim October 2022 as **“National Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month”** in the City of Dalton, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor _____

Date _____ October 3, 2022