

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2023 Proclamation Amplify Our Voices

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 groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – **Amplify Our Voices** – emphasizing a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard.

Now, therefore, I, _____, Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**, in the City of _____, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2023

_____, Mayor