

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, we, the Fruita City Council, on behalf of Mayor Joel Kincaid of the City of Fruita, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**, in the City of Fruita, and encourage all citizens to join us in these important observances.

Signed this 17th day of October, 2023

Joel Kincaid, Mayor

