

PROCLAMATION NO. 23-04

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Recognizing National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month
October 2023**

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; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100 individuals living in long term care communities in Huerfano County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Huerfano County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2023 as Huerfano County Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of September 2023.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____
John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta, Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk and Recorder and
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

Karl Sporleder, Commissioner