



City of Ketchum

## PROCLAMATION

- 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,** the City of Ketchum wishes 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 – "Connection Matters" – to emphasize connections to family, to friends, and to the community as an essential component of good health and quality of life for residents.
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, in the City of Ketchum, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

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Neil Bradshaw, Mayor