



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has approximately 370 nursing facilities and 2,687 personal care homes/assisted living communities with the capacity to serve nearly 85,171 residents; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the federal and state law guarantees of residents' rights in order to promote and maintain resident dignity and autonomy; and
- WHEREAS:** All residents in the State of Georgia should be aware of their rights so they can be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS:** We wish to honor and celebrate these citizens living in long-term care residences, to recognize their rich individuality, 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 – "Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life" – highlighting the need for residents' rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted. It emphasizes the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents' home, and the importance of residents reclaiming their own lives; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorized by the Older Americans Act and Georgia Law, was established four decades ago to improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents living in long-term care facilities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

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