



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has approximately 371 nursing facilities and 2,728 personal care homes/assisted living communities with the capacity to serve nearly 86,955 residents; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the federal and state law guarantees of long-term care residents' rights that 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 residents living in long-term care facilities, to recognize their rich histories and talents, their individuality, and the importance of their right to continue to have a say in their lives and their care; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Inspiring Unity Within Our Community" – emphasizing the importance of fostering meaningful community within the facility and encouraging residents' connection to their local community; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorized by the Older Americans Act and Georgia Law, was established in 1979 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 2022 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 24th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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