



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

- 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; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has over 85,000 individuals living in thousands of nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living communities, and/or residential care facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and
- WHEREAS:** All Georgia residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS:** The residents living in long-term care facilities should be honored, their rich histories and talents recognized, their individuality celebrated, and their right to have a say in their care be acknowledged; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of October, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Amplify Our Voices" – a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023, 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 28th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF

