



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has over 87,000 individuals living in 367 nursing homes and 3,057 personal care homes, assisted living communities, and 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 residents in the State of Georgia should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia honors and celebrates these residents living in long-term care facilities, to recognize their rich histories and talents, their individuality, the right to have a say in their care, and their right to civic participation; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "The Power of My Voice" – emphasizing residents' right to self-determination and to use their voice to make their own choices; 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 2024, as LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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