



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 2,512 personal care homes, assisted living communities, and residential care facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees long-term care facility residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and
- WHEREAS:** All long-term care facility 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:** 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:** Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Stand with Me"– highlighting the importance of support for residents who advocate for their rights, as well as the value of encouraging the community to join residents in sharing their voices; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as LONG-TERM 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 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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