



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS RIGHTS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has over 86,000 individuals living in 367 nursing homes and 2,502 personal care homes/assisted living communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees long-term care facility residents their individual rights to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy. 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:** 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:** We wish to honor and celebrate 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
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Join Us at the Table" – highlighting the central role that food, mealtime, and community play in residents' daily lives, as well encouraging caregivers, loved ones, and advocates to work collectively towards ensuring that every meal reflects respect and community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2026, 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 6th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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