



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 2,544 board and care, personal care homes, and assisted living communities with the capacity to serve 81,000 residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Federal and state laws guarantee and protect the rights of residents to promote and maintain 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:** Our state reaffirms the rights of citizens living in long-term care residencies, including their rights to participate in decisions regarding health care, exercise their right to vote, and engage in the political process; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and groups across the country will celebrate this month with the theme "Stand for Quality" to emphasize the important of standing for quality in all aspects of residents' experiences; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorized by the Older Americans Act and Georgia Law, was established four decades ago 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 2019 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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