

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS,

As of September 2022, serving more than 1.3 million individuals living in 15,151 nursing homes and over 810,000 individuals living in nearly 30,000 assisted living/residential care facilities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS,

The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS,

All residents 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 citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and reaffirm the right for everyone to vote and participate politically, including 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—"Amplify Our Voices"—emphasizing a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2023 as NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*

this 1st day of October

Two Thousand and twenty-three

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State