

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH OCTOBER 2021

- WHEREAS,** *There are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes; and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 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 to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Individuals and groups from across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme - "Reclaiming My rights, My Home, My Life"- highlighting the need for residents' rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted. It emphasizes the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents' home, and the importance of residents reclaiming their own lives.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2021 as NATIONAL LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH in Maryland, and 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-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Boyd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State