

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

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 United States; 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, with the theme *Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life*, National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month highlights the need for residents' rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted while emphasizing the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents' home and the importance of residents reclaiming their own lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor and celebrate these citizens, recognize their rich individuality, and reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA