

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH OCTOBER 2024

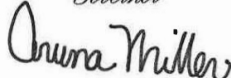
- WHEREAS,** *There are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes and more than 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living and residential care facilities in the U.S.; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in 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 their right 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, "The Power of My Voice," emphasizing residents' right to self determination and to use their voice to make their own choices.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2024** as **NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH** in Maryland, and do commend this observation 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-four


Governor


Lt. Governor


Secretary of State

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