

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2022 Proclamation

Inspiring Unity within Our Community

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 Habersham County has 3 skilled nursing facilities, 1 assisted living facility and 3 personal care homes with the capacity to serve nearly 350 residents.; and

Whereas, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 and Georgia State Law guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

Whereas: The Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorized by the Older Americans Act and Georgia Law, was established in 1979 to improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents living in long-term care facilities; 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 to 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 — Inspiring Unity within Our Community — emphasizing the importance of fostering meaningful community within the facility and encouraging residents' connection to their local community.

Now, therefore, I, Bruce Palmer, Chairman of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2022 as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, in Habersham County and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2022

Chairman, Habersham County Board of Commissioners