

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** there are nearly 15,000 West Virginians living in more than 400 nursing homes, assisted living residences and other residential care facilities in West Virginia; 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 – "Amplify Our Voices"– a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 2023* as:

## *National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fifth Day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State