

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, individuals, groups, and long-term care facilities across the country will celebrate Residents' Rights Month with the theme *Stand for Quality* to emphasize the importance of quality in all aspects of residents' experiences - quality of care, quality of life, quality of service provision, and the right to make quality choices; and

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity, autonomy, and individuality; and

WHEREAS, the rights of residents of nursing homes and adult care homes in our state are acknowledged and protected by the North Carolina Adult Care Home Bill of Rights and the North Carolina Bill of Rights for Nursing Home Residents; and

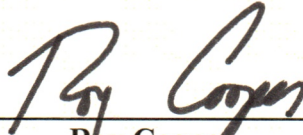
WHEREAS, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program was created by the North Carolina General Assembly under the federal Older Americans Act to assist residents of long-term care facilities and their families in understanding and exercising these rights; and

WHEREAS, a concerned individual can be an effective advocate for a single resident; the work of more than 900 volunteer Community Advisory Committee members, appointed by local boards of county commissioners, are making a significant difference in the lives of residents statewide; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 45,000 individuals living in nursing homes and 41,000 individuals living in adult care facilities in North Carolina; residents should be informed of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2019, as "**LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.