



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH
OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, there are over 10,000 individuals living in nursing homes, basic care and assisted living facilities, and other long-term care settings in North Dakota; 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, long-term care facilities can support residents' rights and promote quality of life by offering residents opportunities to participate in stimulating and meaningful activities, and encouraging staff to listen, learn about and respect residents' interests and preferences; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota wishes to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their individuality and reaffirm their right to be involved in decisions about their care and to have their choices respected; and

WHEREAS, individuals, advocacy groups and long-term care facilities in North Dakota and across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme "It's All About Me: My Life, My Care, My Choices," to emphasize the importance of resident-focused services, respect and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2017, **NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State