

WHEREAS; over 60,000 individuals are living in assisted living facilities, community-based residential facilities, and adult family homes across Wisconsin, and over 100,000 Wisconsinites receive long-term care supports; and

WHEREAS; long-term care residents should be aware of their rights and empowered to live with dignity, autonomy, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS; in addition, long-term care residents should have access to the full range of choices and opportunities available for them to lead their most independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin honors the individuality of long-term care residents across the state and affirms the importance of defending their rights, including the right to vote, the right to have a voice in their care, and the right to choose where they live; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, along with dedicated individuals and groups across the state and country, in celebrating Residents’ Rights Month with this year’s theme, “Amplify Our Voices,” which invites individuals to raise their collective voices to ensure that every person is understood, valued, and protected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State