WHEREAS; tens of thousands of Wisconsinites receive long-term care support, including those offered by assisted living facilities, community-based residential facilities, and adult family homes across the state; and

WHEREAS; long-term care residents should be aware of their rights, have access to the full range of choices and opportunities available to them, and be empowered to live with dignity, autonomy, and self-determination; 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 dedicated individuals, organizations, and advocates across the state and country in celebrating Residents' Rights Month and encourages residents to express their needs, pursue personal growth, and embrace their right to live vibrant, meaningful lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 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 5th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State