

WHEREAS; there are over 60,000 individuals living in more than 4,000 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; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the rights of all individuals to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy, and to access the full range of choices and opportunities available to live their most independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; all long-term care residents should be aware of their rights so that they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS; we wish to honor long-term care residents across our state, recognize their rich individuality, and reaffirm their rights, including the right to vote and participate politically, and the right to have a say in their care; 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 United States, in celebrating Residents' Rights Month with this year's theme, "Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life," to highlight the need for residents' rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2021 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 18th day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State