

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; all long-term care residents should be aware of their rights so that they may be empowered to live with dignity, autonomy, and self-determination and access the full range of choices and opportunities available for them to lead their most independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin honors the rich 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 say 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, "Inspiring Unity within Our Community," which highlights the significance of developing a meaningful sense of community within residential settings and in all areas of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2022 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 30th day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State