

Proclamation

Residents' Rights Week 2009

Whereas, residents of long term care facilities are one of our greatest resources; and

Whereas, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

Whereas, these residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

Whereas, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their rights as community members and citizens; and

Whereas, residents across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights week to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights around the clock, every day to promote resident respect and dignity.

Now, therefore, I, _____ Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2009, as Residents' Rights Week, in the City of _____, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2009

_____, Mayor