

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** there are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes and 818,800 individuals living in 30,577 assisted living/residential care facilities in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** there are 20,699 licensed beds in 195 nursing homes and 22,135 licensed beds in 464 assisted living/community residential care facilities in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** all residents and caretakers should be aware of residents' rights ensuring empowered decision-making and dignified living; and

**WHEREAS,** National Residents' Rights Month acknowledges the need for residents' rights to be recognized, celebrated, and honored while emphasizing the importance of residents maintaining dignity and autonomy.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

### NATIONAL RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor and celebrate these citizens, recognize their rich individuality, and reaffirm their rights as citizens, including the right to have resolve over their own care.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**