



WHEREAS, there are more than 1.5 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and one million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.; and,

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

WHEREAS, all 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 reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and,

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme "**It's All About Me: My Life, My Care, My Choices**" to emphasize the respect and dignity of every resident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of October 2017 as

Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

in Gaston County and encourage all citizens to join in these important observances.

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To be Adopted the 26th Day of September 2017