



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.5 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S. with the number of residents expected to almost double by 2030; 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 sense of safety, as well as 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 –"Speak Out Against Elder Abuse"– to emphasize the importance of recognizing and addressing this serious issue through immediate action, facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in Nevada



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 6th day of September, 2013

Brian Sandoval
By the Governor: Governor

Cass Miller
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy