



**National Long-Term Care
Residents' Rights Month 2018
Proclamation**

Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.6 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.; 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

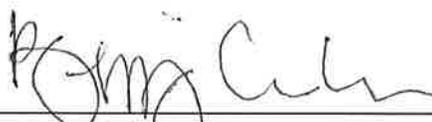
WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; AND

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to 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 –"Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them"– to emphasize the importance of residents being informed about their rights; being engaged partners in achieving quality care and quality of life; and feeling confident in speaking up about what is important to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor of the Town of Nags Head, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**, in the Town of Nags Head, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Adopted this 3rd day of October 2018.



Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk