



PROCLAMATION

**National Long-Term Care
Residents' Rights Month October 2020**

Connection Matters

Whereas, there are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes; and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living/residential care 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 re-affirm 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-"**Connection Matters**" -to emphasize connections-to family, to friends, and to the community – as an essential component of good health and quality of life for residents.

Now, therefore, I, Marc Carroll, Mayor of the City of Blackfoot, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as ***National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month***, in the City of Blackfoot, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Marc Carroll, Mayor

October 15, 2020