

Proclamation

of

Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

WHEREAS, long term care facilities and agencies in our community have accepted responsibility for providing quality care and a quality of life for our frail elderly and chronically ill citizens; 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, there are approximately 50,000 individuals living in nursing homes and 40,000 individuals living in adult care facilities in North Carolina; and

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

WHEREAS, Buncombe County reaffirms the rights of long-term care residents including participating in decisions about their care and their right to vote and be politically active; and

WHEREAS, individuals, groups and long-term care facilities across our nation will be celebrating Residents Rights Month to promote the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision making.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of October 2012 be proclaimed

“LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS RIGHTS MONTH”

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens and residents of Buncombe County be urged to join this Board in recognizing the right to quality care for our citizens in long term care facilities.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16thnd day of October 2012.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN