

****Sample Proclamation****

National Assisted Living Week® September 13-19, 2020

Tip: Work with your city, county or state officials to request this proclamation. If they accept, invite the government official to formally sign the proclamation at an event outdoors at your assisted living community, maintaining safe social distance.

WHEREAS, residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge, life experiences and involvement; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of **[NAME OF CITY'S or STATE'S]** rich history; and their ongoing participation deepens our **[CITY'S or STATE'S]** identity;

WHEREAS, assisted living is a critical long term care option for older adults and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and independence; assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care;

WHEREAS, in 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week® to honor the contributions of assisted living communities in providing long term care to America's seniors and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, this year's theme of National Assisted Living Week® is "Caring is Essential," highlights the incredible care provided by essential caregivers in assisted living facilities across the country;

WHEREAS, during this special week, assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the dedication of staff,

the individuality of residents, and the deep connections formed in these settings, while adhering to COVID-19 safety requirements and precautions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [MAYOR/GOVERNOR/ELECTED OFFICIAL'S NAME], do hereby proclaim the week of September 13-19, 2020, as Assisted Living Week in the **[CITY OF NAME or STATE OF NAME]**. I urge all citizens to virtually visit or call a loved one, family member or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word and spend time participating in various virtual activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support, and to learn more about how assisted living services benefit **[THE LARGER COMMUNITY/STATE]**.

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