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News Release

Commissioners Support Long-Term Care Residents Proclamation

October 6, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday proclaimed October Long-Term Residents' Rights Month in Union County.

Residents' Rights Month is celebrated each October and is designated by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care (the "Consumer Voice"). It is celebrated each year to highlight residents living in all long-term care settings. During this month, the Consumer Voice also gives special recognition to the work of thousands of individuals who collaborate daily to help assure dignity, privacy and other basic human rights are maintained as an integral part of the lives of residents living in long-term care settings.

Residents' Rights Month originated as Residents' Rights Week in 1981 at a Consumer Voice's annual meeting. In 2011, Residents' Rights Week was expanded to Residents' Rights Month. This year's theme for the celebration is "Better Staffing: The Key to Better Care" was selected to call attention to staffing and long-term care.

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