



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the senior community is a wonderful source of knowledge and experience from whom we all benefit, and we are indebted to these cherished individuals who have led the way for future generations and who share the wisdom of their years, and the number of elderly Americans is dramatically increasing – specifically, New York's population of residents age 65 and older, which is expected to grow by nearly half a million by 2015; and

Whereas, access to quality, affordable long-term care has never been more important, especially for those who need a little extra help with daily living tasks such as taking their medications – yet do not require 24-hour skilled nursing care; and

Whereas, assisted living has proven to be a smart, cost effective option for nearly one million individuals, whereby the average daily cost for assisted living is one third the average daily costs for a semi-private room in a nursing home, resulting in an annual savings of nearly \$72,000 per person; and

Whereas, New York's licensed residences, adult homes, enriched housing programs, and assisted living residences offer comfortable home-like atmospheres where senior residents can develop friendships, participate in meaningful activities, and enjoy healthier, safer and happier lives; and

Whereas, by 2015, more than 2 million New Yorkers will need some form of long-term care, and assisted living is a viable alternative that provides a comfortable setting for New York's seniors and, while resident accommodations vary among facilities, they all offer a safe and warm living environment and help preserve the dignity and independence of residents in familiar surroundings; and

Whereas, the National Center for Assisted Living is proud to have developed and sponsor National Assisted Living Week, and the theme for this year's observance, "Living Life," highlights the importance of enjoying the fullest possible life by participating in activities that are personally rewarding and by pursuing one's passions;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, hereby proclaim September 12-18, 2010 as

ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

in the Empire State and encourage all citizens to learn more about assisted living services and how they benefit our citizens and our communities.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at Capitol in the City of Albany this eighteenth day
of August in the year two thousand ten.

David A. Paterson

Governor

James Schwab
Secretary to the Governor