



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the number of elderly Americans is rapidly increasing and New York's population of residents age 65 and older 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 assistance with daily tasks, such as taking medication, yet do not require 24-hour skilled nursing care; and

Whereas, assisted living is an intelligent, cost-effective option for nearly one million individuals, where the average daily cost for assisted living is considerably less than the average daily cost for accommodations in a nursing home; and

Whereas, New York's licensed residences, adult homes, enriched housing programs, and assisted living residences can offer comfortable home-like atmospheres where senior residents can develop friendships, participate in meaningful activities, and enjoy healthy, safe, and happy 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 option that provides a comfortable setting for New York's seniors and can provide 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 has developed and sponsors National Assisted Living Week, and the theme for this year's observance, "Forever Proud," highlights the pride that Americans feel as citizens, as active members of the community and the pride in a life of work well done, in family and in friends;

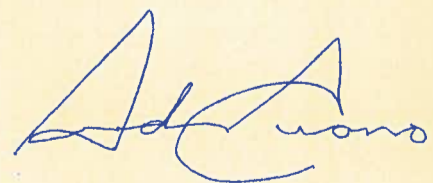
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, hereby proclaim September 2011 as

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



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at Capitol in the City of Albany this sixth day of
September in the year two thousand eleven.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor