



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the citizens of the Empire State place a great value upon the well-being of the senior population, and ensuring the best health and care for our cherished elderly is one of the top priorities in this State and Nation; and

Whereas, New York State is committed to providing elderly persons with quality, compassionate long-term care services that maintain their dignity and highest standard of living; and

Whereas, nursing facilities offer supportive services that meet the unique personal needs of our older citizens and they advance a mission of responsibility for them – a responsibility that we all share – by helping them live well and age well; and

Whereas, we salute our citizens now residing in nursing facilities and recognize the immeasurable contributions they have made to our society as a truly respected generation that built the communities of this great state and nation into thriving centers of life; and

Whereas, in accordance with National Nursing Home Week, the New York State Health Facilities Association is sponsoring a week of activities beginning on Mothers Day, May 11, 2008, during which its members celebrate the theme "Love is Ageless," aptly reflecting the unlimited warmth and affection we have for our seniors; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers recognize the valuable services provided by nursing facilities that ensure our elderly receive the highest quality of care, and this observance offers the opportunity to join in a celebration of the senior population – a wonderful source of knowledge and experience from which we can all learn;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2008 as

NURSING HOME WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second
day of May in the year two thousand eight.

David A. Paterson

Governor

[Signature]

Secretary to the Governor