



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the population of older Americans is rapidly increasing due to longer life spans and, combined with the aging population of baby boomers, the number of people aged 60 years and older is projected to grow in the next 25 years to an estimated 102 million – more than double the current population; and

Whereas, by 2015, more than 2 million New Yorkers will require some form of long-term care; and

Whereas, choices and access to affordable and high-quality long-term services and supports that provide security, comfort and meaningful activities has never been more important; and

Whereas, assisted living is an option that allows residents to maintain independence and preserve dignity while living in a supportive residential setting in a community of their choice; and

Whereas, the National Center for Assisted Living sponsors National Assisted Living Week, and the theme for this year's observance, "The Magic of Music," highlights the benefits of music in our lives, and the therapeutic effects that music can have on older persons;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

ASSISTED LIVING MONTH

in the Empire State and encourage all people to learn more about assisted living services

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-ninth
day of August in the year two thousand fourteen.



Governor

Secretary to the Governor