



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge, life experiences and involvement; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of Pelham's rich history; and their ongoing participation deepens our city's identity; and

**WHEREAS**, assisted living is a critical long term care service for the elderly and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and independence; assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week® to honor the contributions of assisted living communities in providing long term care to America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme of National Assisted Living Week® is "A Spark of Creativity," which hopes to inspire assisted living residents to explore their creative side whether through the arts or beyond, and

**WHEREAS**, "A Spark of Creativity" is also meant to recognize assisted living staff for the "Art of Caring". The theme encourages staff to find creative ways to deliver high-quality, person-centered care;

**WHEREAS**, during this special week, assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the deep connections between the dedicated staff members and residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary W. Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pelham, Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> ~14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

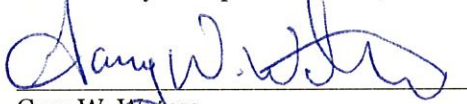
## National Assisted Living Week

in Pelham, Alabama.

**FURTHERMORE**, I urge all citizens to volunteer in an assisted living community, to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these communities, and to learn more about how assisted living services benefit Alabama.



Given under my hand,  
in the City of Pelham, Alabama  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

  
Gary W. Waters  
Mayor