



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities because they assist them with their most intimate needs; and
- WHEREAS:** Direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized supports, including meal preparation, medication assistance, bathing, dressing, mobility, and other daily tasks; and
- WHEREAS:** Direct support professionals provide essential support that helps individuals with disabilities stay connected to family, friends, and the community; and
- WHEREAS:** Direct support professionals help individuals with disabilities live meaningful, productive lives, and make it possible for them to live successfully in their communities and avoid costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS:** The majority of direct support professionals are employed in home- and community-based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a documented, critical, and growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout Minnesota and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 7-13, 2014, as:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 2nd day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE