



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for individuals with disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they help to support; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate more fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support to help enable individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals play an important role in supporting individuals with disabilities to avoid more costly institutional care; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the contributions of direct support professionals who help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between September 10, 2018 and September 14, 2018, as*

### ***DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of September, 2018*

*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor