



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the persons they serve and support; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate 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 in helping them avoid more costly institutional care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinoisans recognize and celebrate the contributions of direct support professionals that help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2018, as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in Illinois to recognize the dedication and vital role of direct support professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals of all ages with disabilities.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this NINTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.*

Deese Witt
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR