



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, while defining and living their best lives; and
- WHEREAS: An adequate workforce of high quality direct support professionals is necessary for the state to meet obligations to people with disabilities and minimize more costly settings such as hospitalization or institutional care; and
- WHEREAS: The direct support professional profession is one of the fastest-growing positions in America in terms of demand, and yet low wages and demographic trends are creating a growing shortage of direct support professionals, leading to burnout and increased turnover; and
- WHEREAS: Public officials have a key role to play in building awareness around, advocating for, and addressing the issues facing this publicly-funded workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2018, as:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION 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 6th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE