

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide high-quality assistive care for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities, as well as senior citizens and veterans; and

WHEREAS, these professionals perform a wide variety of tasks and services, such as preparation of meals, transportation, and assistance with medication, cleaning, bathing, dressing, and movement; and

WHEREAS, they provide encouragement, coaching, and training, with the mission to help disabled and elderly individuals retain their independence, remain involved in their communities, and stay connected to their families; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals develop close, personal, and trusting relationships with those they serve and dedicate their energies and efforts to helping them live meaningful, happy, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals Week is an opportunity to recognize these devoted and compassionate caretakers in our communities and to thank them for their service to Alaskans in need and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 8-14, 2014 as:

Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to acknowledge and appreciate the important contributions made each day by direct support professionals across the state.

Dated: September 8, 2014



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

*Sean Parnell, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*