

# Proclamation



## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 7 - 13, 2014

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals play a vital role in supporting the quality of life of people with disabilities, promoting their independence and safeguarding their health, safety and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide essential support to keep people with disabilities connected to their friends, families, and their communities, by building close knit relationships based on trust; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals are a key element in supporting Employment First, helping people with disabilities to prepare for and enter the workforce through discovery, soft-skill building, job training, coaching, and other support; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness and appreciation is needed to recognize the important work direct support professionals provide to people with disabilities:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014, as "DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK" in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in commending these individuals for their dedication and commitment to supporting people with disabilities and their families.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray".

