

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly funded long term support and services for thousands of individuals in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and community, to live meaningful, successful lives, and to avoid costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS,** Federal and State policies, as well as the Supreme Court, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), assert the right of an individual with disabilities to live in their own home and community and the majority of the direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 7-14, 2014 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I have
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 4th
day of August in the year of our
Lord 2014 and of the Independence
of the United States 238.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence