



## 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; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals help individuals with disabilities live meaningful, productive lives, and make it possible for them to live successfully in their communities and avoid costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of direct support professionals are employed in home- and community-based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: There is a documented, critical, and growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout Minnesota and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 7-13, 2014, as:

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE