



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, DIRECT CARE WORKERS, PERSONAL ASSISTANTS, PERSONAL ATTENDANTS, AND IN-HOME SUPPORT WORKERS ARE THE PRIMARY PROVIDERS OF PUBLICLY-FUNDED LONG—TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, A DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL MUST BUILD CLOSE, RESPECTFUL, AND TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, A DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL ASSISTS PEOPLE WITH INTIMATE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE ON A DAILY BASIS; AND

**WHEREAS**, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO HELP KEEP AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES CONNECTED TO THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN MAKING CHOICES THAT LEAD TO MEANINGFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES; AND

**WHEREAS**, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ARE THE KEY TO SUPPORTING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES TO LIVE AND WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN THE COMMUNITY;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 AS**

## **“DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK IN NEW MEXICO”**

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

