

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly funded long-term supports and services for individuals with disabilities and are employed by Community Support Providers throughout the state of South Dakota and at the South Dakota Developmental Center; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals provide a broad range of person-centered, individualized supports that allow people with disabilities to live, work, and enjoy the communities in which they live as independently as possible; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals provide essential supports to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to family, friends, and community; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals are a critical element in supporting persons who are receiving health care services for severe chronic health conditions or with functional limitations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the dedication and vital role of direct support professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages; appreciate the contribution of direct support professionals in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families in South Dakota; and commend direct support professionals as integral to long-term supports and services for people with disabilities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia M. Kelly Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State