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More than 55 million Americans are living with disabilities. Many are assisted by direct support professionals, who provide in-home support and personal assistance, helping them to live as independently as possible and enjoy full participation in their communities. Direct support professionals are responsible for the health, safety and emotional well-being of the individuals they assist, whether in health care facilities or through home- and community-based services. As our population continues to grow, the need for direct support professionals will only continue to expand.

Each year, a week in September is designated to recognize the positive impact of these dedicated and trusted caregivers.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to become aware of the important work that direct support professionals do in caring for those with disabilities in the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014, to be

**Direct Support Professional Recognition Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2014.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas