

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for individuals with disabilities in Vermont; 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 individualized support, including meal preparation, bathing, dressing, maintaining employment, transportation, banking, and pursuit of personal interests; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide essential support to help individuals with disabilities remain connected to family, friends and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professional participation in health care delivery contributes to the ability of individuals with severe, chronic health conditions to live successfully in the community and when necessary, to successfully transition from acute health care settings back to long term community supports; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals help strengthen Vermont communities by facilitating inclusion for people with disabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014 as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Vermont and recognize the dedication and contribution of direct support professionals in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15 day of August, A.D. 2014

Peter Shumlin  
Governor