



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the primary providers of publicly-funded long-term support and service for millions of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, DSPs help with the meals, medications, bathing, dressing, and mobility needs of those they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, DSPs improve their clients' quality of life by developing strong relationships with them, their families, and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, DSPs are the bridge to community living for people with disabilities, offering support and services that promote independence and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2020, an estimated 1.2 million DSPs will be needed to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, DSPs deserve recognition for their hard work and the positive impact they have in communities throughout Virginia;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 7-13, 2014, as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
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Governor

  
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Secretary of the Commonwealth