

# Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**Whereas,** direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and

**Whereas,** direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including preparation of meals, help with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, assistance with transportation to school, work, religious and recreational activities, and general daily affairs; and

**Whereas,** direct support professionals provide essential support to keep individuals with disabilities connected to their family and community and leading meaningful, productive lives; and

**Whereas,** direct support professionals are the lynchpin to supporting an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

**Whereas,** in 2014, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings and this trend is projected to increase in the next decade.

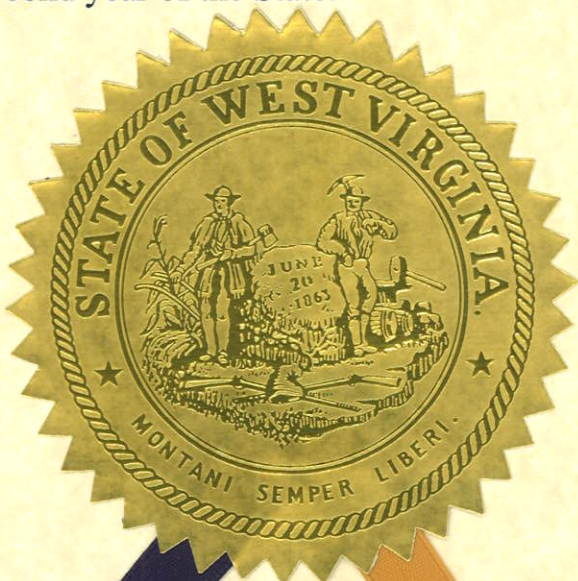
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 7-13, 2014*, as:

## *Direct Support Professional Recognition Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Second year of the State.



*Earl Ray Tomblin*

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Governor

By the Governor:

*Natalie E. Tennant*

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Secretary of State