

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long-term and services for individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental, physical, and other disabilities or limitations; and

WHEREAS, these professionals perform a wide variety of personal care services to people who require assistance with personal hygiene, medications, mobility, meal preparation, transportation, participation in school, work, religious activities, and other vital daily activities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities remain in their homes, connect with their families, and fully integrate into their communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals often lack public recognition, and the industry experiences high turnover and vacancy rates; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the vital role direct support professionals play in enhancing the lives of those with disabilities, strengthening communities, and supporting our most vulnerable citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2017 as:

### *Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the dedication and appreciate the important contributions made each day by direct support professionals across the state.

Dated: September 6, 2017



*Bill Walker*

*Bill Walker, Governor  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation.*