

Proclamation



DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 10 - 16, 2017

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide long-term support and services to persons with disabilities and help keep them connected to their family, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 4.9 million people nationwide who are living with a developmental disability, 25 percent of whom require professional support; and

WHEREAS, nearly 10,000 residents of the District of Columbia have a developmental disability and 23 percent benefit from the assistance of direct support professionals; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals partner with individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities to assist them in achieving full, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the need for compassionate, skilled and dedicated direct support professionals to provide quality support and services is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals make an important and meaningful impact on the quality of life of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 10 -16, 2017, in Washington, DC as "DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK".

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

