



WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the persons they help support; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support to help enable individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals play an important role in supporting individuals with disabilities in helping them avoid more costly institutional care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinoisans recognize and celebrate the contributions of direct support professionals that help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 11-15, 2017, as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in Illinois to recognize the dedication and vital role of direct support professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals of all ages with disabilities.*

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

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-FIRST *day of* AUGUST *, in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN _____, *and of the State of Illinois,*

NINETY-NINTH

one hundred and _____.



Bruce Rauner

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR