

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** in Indiana, more than 26,000 men and women work as direct support professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals provide individualized support including job training and coaching, teaching clients to navigate all aspects of daily life, providing transportation to school, work, religious, and recreational activities, and assisting in financial matters, medical appointments, and personal interests with the mission to help individuals with disabilities retain their independence, remain involved in their communities, and stay connected to their families; and
- WHEREAS,** to meet the growing need for community-based services and supports, efforts must be made to grow the direct support professionals workforce, increase retention, and reduce turnover; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana's direct support professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting our most vulnerable citizens, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 10th-16th, 2017 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 1st
day of September the year of our
Lord 2017 and of the Independence
of the United States 242.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb