

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 10-17, 2017

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS
RECOGNITION WEEK**

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals (collectively referred to in this preamble as "direct support professionals") are key to providing publicly-funded long-term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families, friends, and communities, avoiding more costly institutional care; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making person-centered choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized supports, including (1) preparation of meals; (2) helping with medications; (3) assisting with bathing, dressing and other aspects of daily living; (4) assisting individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities with access to their environment; (5) providing transportation to school, work, religious, and recreational activities; and (6) helping with general daily affairs, such as assisting with financial matters, medical appointments, and personal interests; and,

WHEREAS, the participation of direct support professionals in medical care planning is critical to the successful transition from medical events to post-acute care and long-term support and services; and,

WHEREAS, there is an increasing shortage of direct support professionals throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are a critical element in supporting individuals who are receiving health care services for severe chronic health conditions and individuals with functional limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 10-17, 2017 as Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week in Michigan.



Rick Snyder

Rick Snyder
Governor

