



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of supports and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build close, respectful and trusted relationships with an individual with disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, a direct support professional empowers people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, a direct support professional assists people with intimate personal care assistance on a daily basis; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized supports; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family, friends and community; 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 supports and services; and*

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

*WHEREAS, in 2015, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings and this trend is projected to increase over the decade:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 13 through 19, 2015, as*

***Alabama Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week***

*in the State of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 4th day of September 2015.*

*Robert Bentley*

*Robert Bentley, Governor*