

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

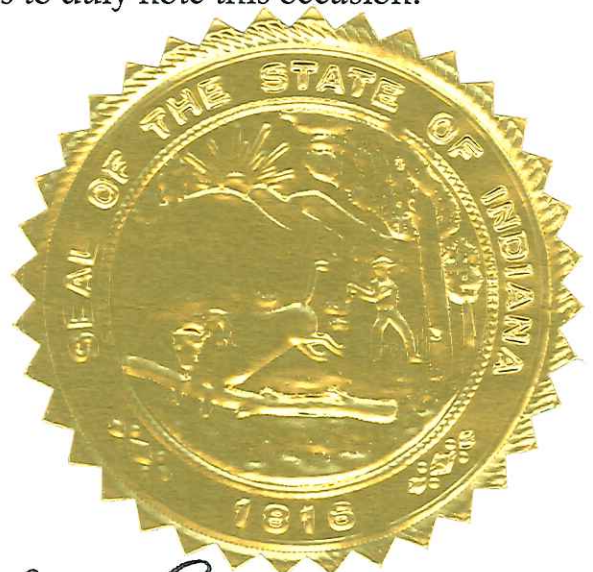
- WHEREAS,** in Indiana, more than 26,000 men and women work as direct support professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals provide individualized supports including job training and coaching; teaching clients to navigate all aspects of daily life; providing transportation to school, work, religious, and recreational activities; assisting in financial matters, medical appointments, and personal interests; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of direct support professionals 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,** every day, 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, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015 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 2nd  
day of September in the year of our  
Lord 2015 and of the Independence  
of the United States 239.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Michael R. Pence*