

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including preparation of meals, help with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, assistance with transportation, and general daily affairs; and
- Whereas,** direct support professionals provide essential support to keep individuals with disabilities connected to their family and community and help these individuals lead meaningful, productive lives; and
- Whereas,** direct support professionals are the lynchpin to supporting an individual with disabilities, allowing these individuals to live in their community and to avoid costly institutional care; 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 in the next decade.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 13-19, 2015* as:

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State