



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of long-term support and service for millions of individuals; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close and trusted relationship with a disabled patient; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support such as transportation, food preparation, bathing, dressing, and other daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and community; and


WHEREAS, direct support professionals help enable disabled individuals to live productive lives and are the key to helping an individual with disabilities to live successfully in their community and avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings in the United States; this trend is projected to increase over the decade; and there is a growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout communities across the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015, as "**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.




PAT McCRORY
Governor