

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are the key to allowing an individual with disabilities to live successfully in their community of choice and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities and ensure their basic health and safety needs are met, as well as provide support to address their daily living needs; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals work and pay taxes, but many remain impoverished and are eligible for the same Federal and State public assistance programs on which the individuals with disabilities served by the direct support professionals must depend; and

WHEREAS, there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, many direct support professionals are forced to leave jobs due to inadequate wages and benefits, creating high turnover and vacancy rates that research demonstrates adversely affects the quality of support to individuals with disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 8-13, 2013 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I have

set my hand and cause to be affixed the

Great Seal of the State. Done at the

City of Indianapolis, this 20th

day of August in the year of our

Lord 2013 and of the Independence

of the United States 237.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence