

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Brian Calley, Lt. Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
September 8 through September 14, 2013 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term support and services for millions of individuals; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities and assist them with the most intimate needs, on a daily basis, such as preparation of meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, getting to school, work, religious, and recreational activities, and general daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families and communities, and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, federal and state policies, as well as the Supreme Court, assert the right of an individual to live in the home and community of the individual; and

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

WHEREAS, the role of direct support professionals is vital in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages and in supporting needs that reach beyond the capacities of millions of families in the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Calley, Lt. Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2013 as Direct Support Professional Week in Michigan.

Brian Calley

Brian Calley
Lt. Governor

