



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Direct support workers, direct care workers, personal assistants and attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support services for millions of individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals must build close, trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities because they assist them with their most intimate needs on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals provide a broad range of assistance, including preparing meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, and general, daily tasks; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals provide essential aid to assist individuals with disabilities stay connected to family and community; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals help individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives, and are the key to allowing these individuals to live successfully in their communities and avoid more costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of direct support professionals are employed in home- and community-based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: There is a documented, critical, and growing shortage of direct support professionals in communities throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 9 - 15, 2013, as:

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



  
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR

