



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support including: preparation of meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, and getting to school, work, religious, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals allow an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community; and

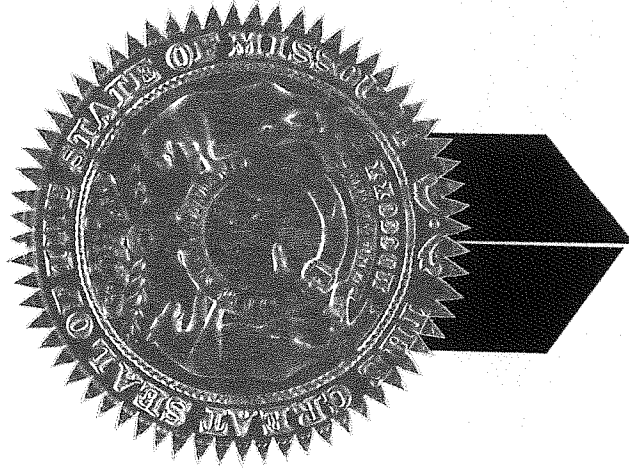
WHEREAS, in 2012, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings, and that number is projected to increase over the decade.

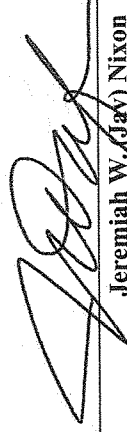
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 8 – 14, 2013, to be

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

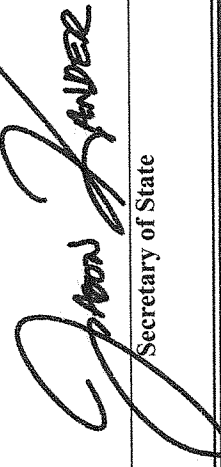
in Missouri, to recognize the dedication and vital role direct support professionals play in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of August, 2013.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State