



# State of North Carolina

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## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

2013

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

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals 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 and this trend is projected to increase over the decade; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 8-14, 2013, as "**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL 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 twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.



  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor