



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Jack Dalrymple**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2013

**WHEREAS**, direct support workers, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for millions of individuals nationwide; and

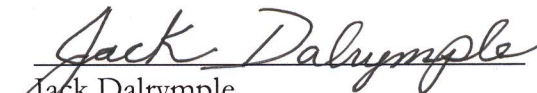
**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide a broad range of services to individuals with disabilities to help them live independently, including preparing meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, and getting to school, work or other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide essential care to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families and communities, and enable them to live meaningful and productive lives; and

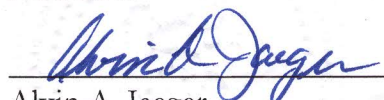
**WHEREAS**, more than 4,900 North Dakotans are employed as direct support professionals in home- and community-based settings; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the dedication of direct support professionals and the important role they play in supporting the state's long-term care system and in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 8-14, 2013, **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State