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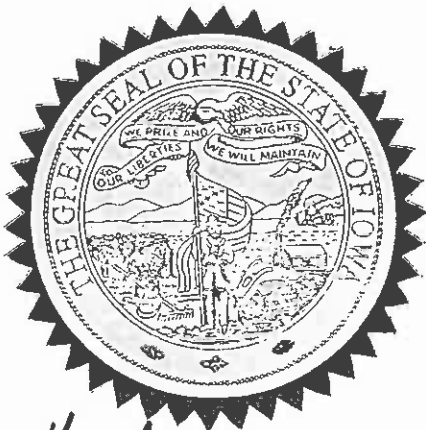
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION


- 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 help 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
- WHERE AS,** 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, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2013, as

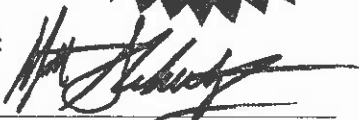
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
5th DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE