



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for individuals with disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they help support; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support enabling individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and*

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals are important in supporting an individual with disabilities to avoid more costly institutional care; and*

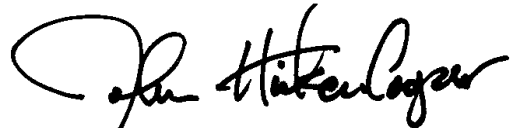
*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the contribution of direct support professionals that help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between September 14, 2015 and September 18, 2015, as*

### *DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of September, 2015*

  
*John W. Hickenlooper*  
Governor

