

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
September 13-19, 2015

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals must build close, trusted relationships with individuals and assist them with various needs on a daily basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful and productive lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide essential support to keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families, friends and communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the participation of direct support professionals in medical care planning is critical to the successful transition from medical events to post-acute care and long term supports and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in communities throughout the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the role of direct support professionals is vital in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 13 through September 19, 2015 as Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week in Michigan.

A blue ink signature of Rick Snyder, written in a cursive style.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

