



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day in New Jersey, more than 30,000 men and women work as Direct Support Professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to hundreds of thousands of children and adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals have dedicated their professional lives to supporting, serving and empowering individuals with developmental disabilities, enabling them to live meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of support, including help with medications, participating in school, work, home, religious and recreational activities, learning important life skills and general day-to-day activities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals develop strong, trusting relationships with individuals with disabilities that have tremendous positive outcomes for both parties; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated Direct Support Professionals in New Jersey have made a commitment to better quality of care for individuals with disabilities by enrolling in the continuing education courses of the College of Direct Support; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Partnership for Direct Support Professional Workforce Development is firmly committed to encouraging, supporting and honoring Direct Support Professionals for their dedication to the field; and

WHEREAS, every day, New Jersey's Direct Support Professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting our most vulnerable citizens, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 13-19, 2015 has been designated as Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week to honor and recognize the significant contributions that Direct Support Professionals make to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH 19, 2015

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DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

in New Jersey and applaud the tens of thousands of Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and commitment to New Jersey's citizens with developmental disabilities.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifth day of August in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.



Chris Christie
Lt. GOVERNOR

Debra Steinhilber
GOVERNOR