

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* ARIZONA DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK \***

**WHEREAS**, the United States Senate has designated the week of September 7 – 13, 2014 as National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week; and

**WHEREAS**, National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is celebrated annually across the country with special events and ceremonies earmarked to honor the tens of thousands of workers who help our citizens with developmental disabilities and their families to live healthy community-oriented lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined efforts of the Department of Economic Security (DES), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), the Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD), the Arizona service provider community, and other government and statewide community-based organizations are recognizing Direct Support Professionals during this week; and

**WHEREAS**, annually over 4,000 contracted agencies, and independent providers are working with the Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities to serve over 30,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families with direct care supports to maintain and enhance quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, we are encouraging the community to show direct support professionals serving persons with developmental disabilities how much they appreciate them; and

**WHEREAS**, by calling attention to the importance of high quality direct care for all persons with developmental disabilities within our community and State, we endeavor to continuously improve the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of persons with developmental disabilities depends on the quality of direct supports provided from caring and competent direct support professionals; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 13 – 19, 2015 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*  
Secretary of State

