



STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Director support professionals (DSP) are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities because they assist them with their most intimate needs; and

WHEREAS: These professionals provide a broad range of individualized supports, including meal preparation, medication assistance, bathing, dressing, mobility, and other daily tasks; and

WHEREAS: Direct support professionals provide essential support that helps individuals with disabilities stay connected to family, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS: The majority of direct support professionals are employed in home- and- community- based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and

WHEREAS: There is a critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout Minnesota and the United States; and

WHEREAS: Direct support professionals help individuals with disabilities live meaningful, productive lives and make it possible for them to live successfully in their communities and avoid costly institutional care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10-September 16, 2017, as:

## DSP RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR

  
LT. GOVERNOR