



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Direct support workers, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publically-funded long-term support and services for millions of individuals; and
- WHEREAS: A direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities, as they assist them with their most intimate needs on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals provide a broad range of support, including preparation of meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, and general daily tasks; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to family and community; and
- WHEREAS: Direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives, and are the key to allowing these individuals to live successfully in their communities and to avoid more costly institutional care; 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 documented, critical, and growing shortage of direct support professionals in communities throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2012, as:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS 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 25th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE