

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of long-term support and service for millions of individuals; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close and trusted relationship with a disabled patient; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support such as transportation, food preparation, bathing, dressing, and other daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to his or her family and community; and


WHEREAS, direct support professionals enable their patients to live productive lives, and are the key to helping individuals with disabilities live successfully in their communities, avoiding costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, most direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings in the United States, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; however, there is a growing national shortage of direct support professionals in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the importance of this role in the lives of our citizens with disabilities, and commends direct support professionals for their work and service to the people of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 10 – 16, 2017, as “**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.