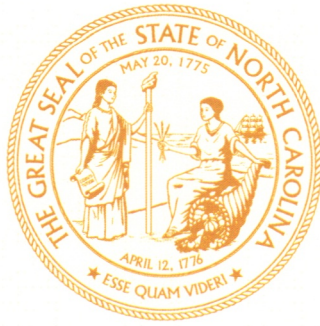




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are critical to the delivery of long-term services and supports, helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) lead more independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, these professionals foster strong, trusting relationships with the people they support and their families, grounded in respect, communication, and person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of services that assist people in navigating daily life, including support with personal care, employment, community engagement, and other essential activities; and

WHEREAS, their efforts help ensure that people with I/DD remain connected to their families, neighbors, and communities; and

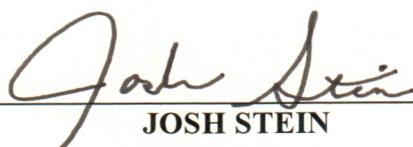
WHEREAS, through their dedication and expertise, Direct Support Professionals promote independence, inclusion, and full participation in community life while reducing reliance on institutional care; and

WHEREAS, most Direct Support Professionals work in home- and community-based settings, and the growing demand for these services underscores the need for continued support and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the invaluable contributions of Direct Support Professionals and honors their commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 6 – 12, 2026, as “**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK**” in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
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-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.