



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK
September 13-19, 2015

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, including direct care workers, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals, are the primary providers of 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; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities with the most intimate needs on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support, from preparing meals and medications to personal care to transporting clients to school, work, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their family, friends, and community; and

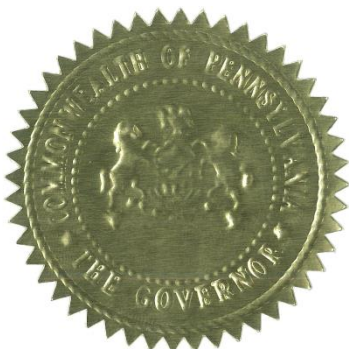
WHEREAS, direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives in a community of their choice; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are integral to the physical and mental health and well-being of persons who receive services for severe chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, veterans, senior citizens, and individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities in every community benefit from the services of direct support professionals; and

WHEREAS, there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015, to be DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK and I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize and appreciate the dedication and contributions of these providers to enhancing the lives of their clients.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this fourteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fortieth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor