

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK *September 12–19, 2010*

WHEREAS, the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is a nonprofit national association representing more than 800 private providers of community living and employment support services to more than 500,000 individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, ANCOR's mission is to build the commitment and capacity of providers and communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities; and

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of assistance including meal preparation, helping with medications, getting to school, work and other activities, mobility and general daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, the support professionals are key to allowing an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, ultimately the direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 12–19, 2010,

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-eighth day of
June, 2010*

Bill Ritter, Jr.
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Governor