

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly funded long term support and services for thousands of individuals in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities and ensure their basic health and safety needs are met, as well as provide support to address their daily living needs; and
- WHEREAS, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and community, to live meaningful, successful lives, and to avoid more costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS, direct support professionals work and pay taxes, thus playing an important part in Indiana's economy; and
- WHEREAS, current research shows that high turnover and vacancy rates in the profession adversely affects the quality of support to individuals with disabilities, and there is a documented critical and growing need for direct support professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 13-17, 2010 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 17th
day of August in the year of our
Lord 2010 and of the Independence
of the United States 234.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.