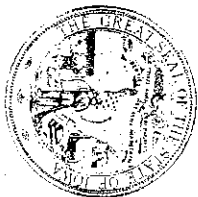


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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ARE THE PRIMARY PROVIDERS OF PUBLICLY-FUNDED LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS; AND

WHEREAS, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS MUST BUILD CLOSE, TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND ASSIST THEM WITH THE MOST INTIMATE NEEDS, ON A DAILY BASIS, SUCH AS PREPARATION OF MEALS, HELPING WITH MEDICATIONS, BATHING, DRESSING, MOBILITY, GETTING TO SCHOOL, WORK, RELIGIOUS, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND GENERAL DAILY AFFAIRS; AND

WHEREAS, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO HELP KEEP INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES CONNECTED TO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND TO AVOID MORE COSTLY INSTITUTIONAL CARE; AND

WHEREAS, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN LIVING MEANINGFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES; AND

WHEREAS, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WORK AND PAY TAXES, BUT MANY REMAIN IMPOVERISHED AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAME FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ON WHICH THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES SERVED BY THE DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS MUST DEPEND; AND

WHEREAS, FEDERAL AND STATE POLICIES, AS WELL AS THE SUPREME COURT, ASSERT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS A DOCUMENTED CRITICAL AND GROWING SHORTAGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS IN EVERY COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, MANY DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ARE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS DUE TO INADEQUATE WAGES AND BENEFITS, CREATING HIGH TURNOVER AND VACANCY RATES THAT RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE QUALITY OF SUPPORTS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE ROLE OF DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS IS VITAL IN ENHANCING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL AGES AND IN SUPPORTING NEEDS THAT REACH BEYOND THE CAPACITIES OF MILLIONS OF FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2010, AS

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

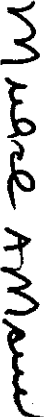
IN IOWA.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA
TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
21ST DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE