

SENATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Direct support workers, direct care workers, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals (referred to in this preamble as 'direct support professionals') are the primary providers of publicly funded long-term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct support professionals provide a broad range of support, including preparation of meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, getting to school, work, religious and recreational activities and general daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, A direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to the family and community of the individual; and

WHEREAS, Direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to the first three certified Direct Support Professionals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Many Kansas service providers are encouraging greater professional development of direct support professionals through credentialing, apprenticeship, and the online College of Direct Support;

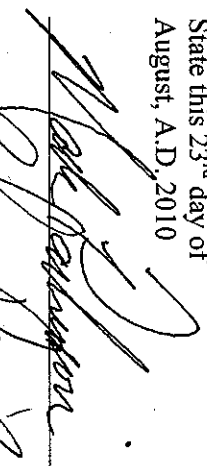
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the week of September 12-18, 2010, as

*National Direct Support Professionals
Recognition Week*

in Kansas.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 23rd day of
August, A.D. 2010

BY THE GOVERNOR:


Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

