

Proclamation

by

Steven M. Beshear

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has affirmed federal and state policies that assert the right of an individual to live in his or her home and community; and

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

WHEREAS, A direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with a person with disabilities, assisting him or her with their most intimate needs each day; and

WHEREAS, These professionals provide a broad range of supports involving meal preparation, help with medications, bathing, dressing, personal mobility, transportation, and general daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, Direct support professionals enable people with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives, and are key to allowing them to live successfully in their communities, avoiding costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, Most direct support professionals are now employed in home and community-based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the decade; and

WHEREAS, The majority of direct support professionals are female, and many are the sole breadwinners for their families; and

WHEREAS, There is a critical and growing nationwide shortage of direct support professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of September 12, 2010, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 26th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 21st year of the Commonwealth.

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GOVERNOR

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