

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK SEPTEMBER 12 - 19, 2010

- WHEREAS,** *Direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal 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,** *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,** *It is appropriate that recognition be given to the vital role direct support professionals have in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Increased public understanding and appreciation is needed to honor the important contributions of the direct support professionals in supporting the needs that reach beyond the capacities of millions of families in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is proud to commend direct support professionals as integral in supporting the long-term support and services system of the United States.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 12-19, 2010 as NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 12th day of September
Two Thousand and ten



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McQuinn
Secretary of State