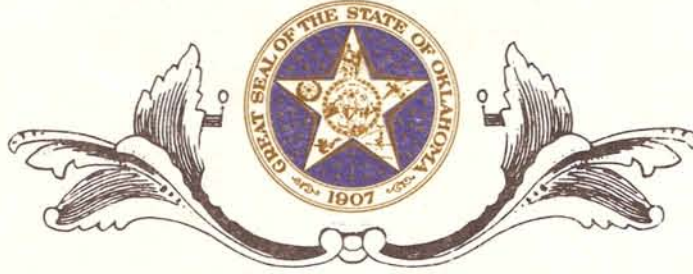


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals (hereafter referred to as "direct support professionals") 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 an individual with disabilities; and

Whereas, a direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities with the most intimate needs, on a daily basis; 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 enable 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;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of September 12 – 18, 2010, as

"Direct Support Professional Recognition Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this third day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred second year.

M. Susan Luvell
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

