

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.

GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

RECOGNITION WEEK

September 14 – 20, 2009

WHEREAS, the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is a nonprofit national association representing more than 850 private providers of community living and employment support services to more than 385,000 individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, ANCOR's mission is to build the commitment and capacity of providers and communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities; and

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of assistance including meal preparation, helping with medications, getting to school, work and other activities, mobility and general daily affairs; and

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

WHEREAS, ultimately the direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 14 – 20, 2009,

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this sixteenth day of July,
2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Ritter, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor