



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day in New Jersey more than 30,000 men and women work as Direct Support Professionals, providing exemplary and critical care to hundreds of thousands of children and adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, these Direct Support Professionals have dedicated their professional lives to supporting, serving, and empowering individuals with disabilities, enabling them to live meaningful, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of support including help with medications, getting to school, work, religious and recreational activities, learning important life skills and general day to day activities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals develop strong, trusting relationships with individuals with disabilities that have tremendous positive outcomes for both parties; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated Direct Support Professionals in New Jersey have made a commitment to better quality of care for individuals with disabilities by enrolling in the continuing education courses of the College of Direct Support; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Direct Support Professional Workforce Development Coalition is firmly committed to encouraging, supporting and honoring Direct Support Professionals for their dedication to the field; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate has designated the week of September 13-19, 2009 as National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, to honor and recognize the significant contributions that Direct Support Professionals make to our community; and

WHEREAS, every day New Jersey's Direct Support Professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting our most vulnerable citizens, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2009

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NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in New Jersey and applaud the tens of thousands of Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and commitment to New Jersey's citizens with disabilities.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of September in the year two thousand nine, the two hundred thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE