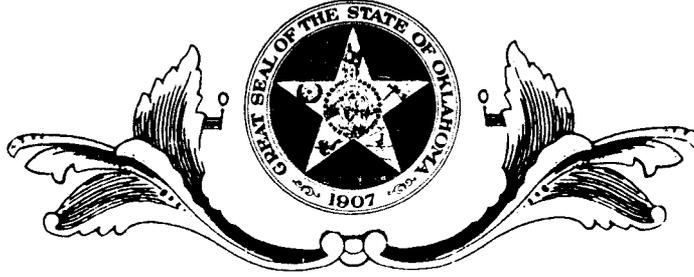


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Proclamation

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, a direct support professional must build a close, trusting 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; 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 and to avoid costly institutional care;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim September 8th through September 14th, 2013 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 22nd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Assistant *Chris Morris*
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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