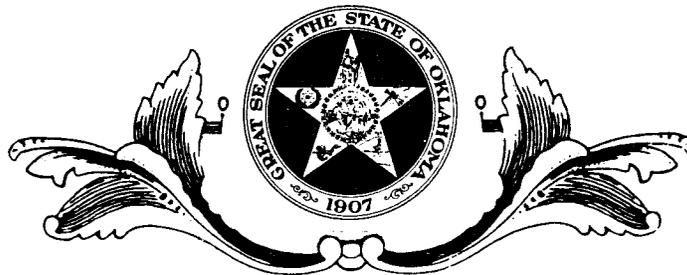


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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, direct support professionals must build close, trusting relationships with individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, on a daily basis, direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities with their most intimate needs; 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, direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families and communities; and

Whereas, direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives; and

Whereas, direct support professionals are vital to empowering individuals with disabilities to live successfully in the community and avoid costly institutional care;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim September 7th through September 13th, 2014 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 26th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

Cl. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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