

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, direct support professionals (DSPs), which include direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals, are the primary providers of publicly funded long-term support and services for people with disabilities; and

**Whereas**, DSPs improve their clients' quality of life by developing strong relationships with them, their families and their communities; and

**Whereas**, DSPs help with the meals, medications, bathing, dressing and mobility needs of those they serve; and

**Whereas**, DSPs support residents with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives and often help with critical transitions; and

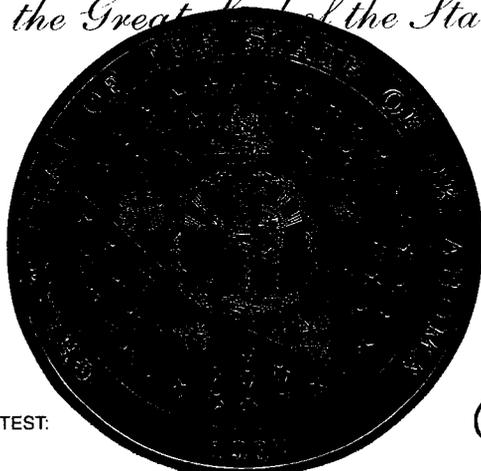
**Whereas**, DSPs deserve recognition for their hard work and the positive impact they have in communities throughout Oklahoma;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11, 2016, as

### **"Direct Support Professionals 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

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ATTEST:

*Chris Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR