



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals, and other professionals with similar job titles, are the primary providers of community-based long-term support services for more than 100,000 individuals with disabilities in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals are valued for the trusted and respectful relationships they build while assisting individuals with their personal needs; and
- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals provide essential support that helps individuals with disabilities stay connected to family, friends, coworkers, and their communities, helping them live fulfilling and self-directed lives; and
- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals deliver a wide range of individualized support, including meal preparation, medication assistance, personal care, life skills training, mobility, work and life enrichment opportunities, and other daily tasks; and
- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals honor the choices of individuals through practices that promote dignity, independence, and inclusion; and
- WHEREAS: A robust and stable Direct Support Professional workforce is critical for meeting the needs of people in Minnesota with disabilities and reducing use of more costly settings such as hospitals or institutions; and
- WHEREAS: Direct Support Professionals are among the fastest growing occupations in Minnesota, with demand for their skills continuing to increase; and
- WHEREAS: Public officials and community members play an important role in recognizing the contributions of Direct Support Professionals, raising awareness of workforce challenges, and supporting and funding that ensures fair wages and sustainable careers for this essential workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 7-13 2025, as:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE