



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

WHEREAS, the week of September 9-15, 2012 has been designated as National Direct Support Professional 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, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

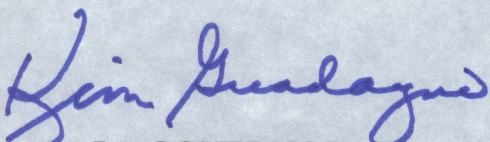
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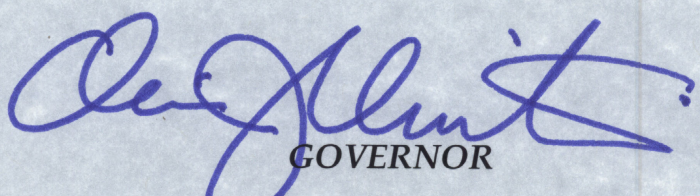
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

in New Jersey.



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


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