



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the primary providers of publicly-funded long-term support and service for millions of people with disabilities; and

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

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

WHEREAS, DSPs are the bridges to community living for people with disabilities, offering support and services that promote independence and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, by 2020, an estimated 1.2 million DSPs will be needed to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, DSPs deserve recognition for their hard work and the positive impact they have in communities throughout Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 13-19, 2015, as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jewell M. Stanger in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth