STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day in New Jersey, more than 33,000 people work as Direct Support Professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to hundreds of thousands of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are employed by provider agencies or as Self-Directed Employees by individuals choosing Self-Direction; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are essential to supporting the emotional and physical health and wellbeing of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, compassionately provide quality care, and remain steadfast in their commitment to the individuals and families who depend on them; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals have dedicated their professional lives to supporting, serving and empowering individuals with developmental disabilities, enabling them to live, work, play, vote, and participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of support, including help with personal care, participating in school, work, home, religious and recreational activities, learning important life skills and general day-to-day activities to foster full citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals develop strong, trusting relationships with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are personally enriching for both the individual and professional; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are invaluable and contribute to an improved quality of life for individuals throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 7-13, 2025, has been designated as National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week, to honor and recognize the significant contributions that Direct Support Professionals make to our communities; and

WHEREAS, every day, New Jersey's Direct Support Professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and strengthening our communities, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
AS
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-five, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

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