PROCLAMATION

August 26, 2026

Direct Support Professionals Week 2026

September 13th-19th

WHEREAS, the week of September 13th-19th, 2026 is designated as National Direct Support Professionals Week, in order to celebrate and recognize professionals who provide direct support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a Direct Support Professional works with people in their homes and in the community, and acts as an advocate by helping them to communicate their likes, dislikes, aspirations and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center endeavors to recognize those who directly assist people with disabilities to have positive control over their lives and live as independently as possible;

THEREFORE, The Board of Directors of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center wishes to publicly acknowledge the Direct Support Professionals who have a vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals receiving services from DDRC and hereby proclaims the week of September 13th-19th, as Direct Support Professionals Week 2026 at DDRC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name this 26th day of August 2026.

Susan Hartley, Board President

Rob DeHerrera, Executive Director