



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are healthcare professionals who provide personal daily supports, training and habilitation services to persons with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for thousands of individuals in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals responsible for the health, safety and emotional well-being of the individuals they support, supporting them to live more meaningful and productive lives within their community by promoting inclusion and independence; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of support, including—(1) preparation of meals; (2) helping with medications; (3) bathing; (4) dressing; (5) mobility; and(6) general daily affairs; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals help an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community, and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, many Direct Support Professionals are forced to leave jobs due to inadequate wages and benefits, creating high turnover and vacancy rates that adversely affects the quality of supports to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognizes the dedication and vital role of Direct Support Professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages; appreciates the contribution of Direct Support Professionals in supporting the needs that reach beyond the capacities of thousands of families in Nevada; and commends Direct Support Professionals as integral in supporting the long-term support and services system of the State of Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim September 8 – 14, 2013 as

Nevada Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 20th day of August, 2013.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

[Signature]
By _____ Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy