



# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCrory**  
GOVERNOR

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

2014

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of long-term support and service for millions of individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, a direct support professional must build a close and trusted relationship with a disabled patient; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support such as transportation, food preparation, bathing, dressing, and other daily affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals help enable disabled individuals to live productive lives and are the key to helping an individual with disabilities to live successfully in their community and avoid more costly institutional care; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings in the United States and this trend is projected to increase over the decade and there is a growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout communities across the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014, as “**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor

