



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 individuals in New Jersey work as Direct Support Professionals, providing vital care to hundreds of thousands of our residents with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide a wide range of support for people with disabilities, including assistance with medications, transportation, learning important life skills and other day-to-day activities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals work to build important, trusting relationships with individuals with disabilities, empowering them and enabling them to lead meaningful, productive lives resulting in positive outcomes for all involved; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals make a meaningful difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthen our communities and support some of our most vulnerable residents, for which they deserve our respect and gratitude;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2011**

AS

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK**

*in New Jersey and applaud our State's Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and commitment to our residents with disabilities.*



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, the eleventh day of September in the year two thousand eleven, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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