  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

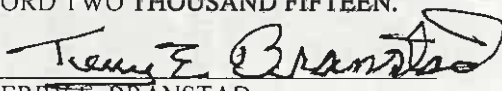
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals (DSPs) provide a broad range of individualized supports including: assisting people with disabilities to prepare for the workforce through job training and job coaching; assisting people with disabilities to live life in the mainstream of their communities alongside of their non-disabled peers; assisting people with disabilities to navigate daily home life through meal preparation and personal care including administering medication, bathing, dressing and other aspects of daily living; assisting people with physical disabilities to access their environment; providing transportation to school, work, religious and recreational activities; and helping with general daily affairs such as assisting in financial matters, medical appointments and personal interests; and
- WHEREAS,** DSPs provide essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family, friends and community; and
- WHEREAS,** DSPs support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** DSPs are the key to supporting an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community and to avoid more costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS,** DSPs are often the ones critical to the successful transition from medical events to post-acute care and long-term support and services; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2015, the majority of DSPs are employed in home and community-based settings; this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and
- WHEREAS,** the role of direct support professionals is vital in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages and in supporting needs that reach beyond the capacities of millions of families in the United States:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13-19, 2015, as**

**IOWA DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
WEEK**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE