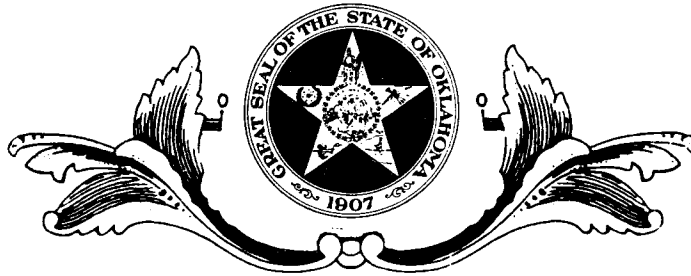


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, direct support professionals (DSPs), direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for individuals with disabilities; and

**Whereas**, DSPs empower people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities and provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their family, friends and community; and

**Whereas**, DSPs support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives and often help with critical transitions; and

**Whereas**, DSPs are a critical element in supporting persons who are receiving health care services for severe health conditions and DSPs contribute to a high quality of life for many of Oklahoma's most vulnerable citizens;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim September 13 through September 19, 2015, as

### **"Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"**

in the state of Oklahoma.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

*Cl. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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