



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, direct support professionals are an integral part of the long-term care system that serves individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities or limitations in the state of Utah;

Whereas, by providing an array of personal care services to people who require assistance with personal hygiene, mobility, medications, meal preparation, transportation, and other vital daily living activities, direct support professionals enable thousands of Utah residents to remain successfully in their own homes and avoid expensive institutional care;

Whereas, direct support professionals often lack public recognition and adequate compensation in wages or benefits, which leads to industry-wide high turnover and vacancy rates and affects adversely the quality of services and care provided to some of our most vulnerable residents; and

Whereas, the state of Utah wishes to thank and commend direct support professionals for helping promote the health, safety, and emotional wellbeing, as well as the independence and inclusion of home-care patients, thus offering these individuals the opportunity to live more meaningful and productive lives within their communities;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare September 13-19, 2015, as

Direct Support Professionals'

Recognition Week in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor