

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for individuals with disabilities in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including meal preparation, bathing, dressing, maintaining employment, transportation, banking, and pursuit of personal interests; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to help individuals with disabilities remain connected to family, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, direct support professional participation in health care delivery contributes to the ability of individuals with severe, chronic health conditions to live successfully in the community and when necessary, to successfully transition from acute health care settings back to long term community supports; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help strengthen Vermont communities by facilitating inclusion for people with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in Vermont and recognize the dedication and contribution of direct support professionals in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of August, A.D. 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor