STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; direct support professionals, or DSPs, are the primary providers of community-based long-term support services for thousands of Wisconsinites with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; often tasked with assisting folks with their most intimate needs, DSPs work tirelessly to build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals in their care; and

WHEREAS; DSPs provide essential support to individuals with disabilities, helping them to stay connected to their family members, friends, coworkers, and community, and empowering them to live their most independent and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS; DSPs are trained to provide a broad range of individualized support services—from meal preparation and medication assistance to daily living skills training and life enrichment opportunities—and are committed to promoting informed choices and person-centered practices that honor and respect the individuals they serve; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends all DSPs for the instrumental role they play in supporting and ensuring the safety of individuals with disabilities across our state, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 12 – 18, 2021, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

out the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of August 2021.

Tony Evers

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GOVERNOR

the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State