

# Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long-term support and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, Direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families, friends and communities; and
- WHEREAS, Direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making person-centered choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives; and
- WHEREAS, A direct support professional must build a close, respectful and trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, Direct support professionals are integral to helping individuals with disabilities live successfully in their communities, avoiding more costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS, The participation of direct support professionals in medical care planning is critical to the successful transition from medical events to post-acute care and long-term support and services; and
- WHEREAS, Direct support professionals are a critical element in supporting individuals who are receiving health care services for severe chronic health conditions and individuals with functional limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 225<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
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