



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

WHEREAS, DSPs must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they help support; and

WHEREAS, DSPs help those with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, DSPs provide a broad range of individualized support enabling individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, DSPs enable people with disabilities to maximize their own independence by providing supports where and when they are needed; and

WHEREAS, DSPs are important in supporting an individual with disabilities to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the contribution of DSPs that help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between September 10 and September 16, 2023, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of September, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*