

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS,** in Indiana, more than 26,000 men and women work as direct support professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** direct support professionals provide individualized support including job training and coaching; teaching clients to navigate all aspects of daily life; providing transportation to school, work, and religious and recreational activities; and assisting in financial matters, medical appointments, and personal interests. Their mission is to help individuals with disabilities retain their independence, remain involved in their communities, and stay connected to their families; and

**WHEREAS,** to meet the growing need for community-based services and supports, efforts must be made to grow the direct support professionals workforce, increase retention, and reduce turnover; and

**WHEREAS,** every day, Indiana's direct support professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting our most vulnerable citizens, for which they deserve our respect and deepest admiration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2016 as

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord 2016 and of the Independence of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Michael R. Pence*