



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and service for millions of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, DSPs provide their clients with daily living assistance that fosters a stable environment for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, DSPs build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with their clients, their families, and their community; and

WHEREAS, DSPs are integral to helping individuals with disabilities live successfully in their communities, avoiding more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, the participation of DSPs in medical planning is integral to a successful transition from medical events to post-acute care and long-term support and services; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that over one million DSPs will be needed in the United States by 2022; and

WHEREAS, DSPs deserve recognition for their hard work and the positive impact they have on this vulnerable populations throughout Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 11-17, 2016, as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Thomas".

Secretary of the Commonwealth