



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

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and*

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

*WHEREAS, direct support professionals are important in supporting an individual with disabilities to avoid costlier institutional care; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the contribution of direct support professionals 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 between September 13, 2020 and September 19, 2020, as*

***DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirteenth day of September, 2020*



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

*Jared Polis*  
Governor