State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, including direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, and in-home support workers, are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term supports and services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, providing a broad range of individualized supports, from navigating the routines of daily home life and job training and coaching to opportunities to access school, work, religious, and recreational activities, direct support professionals empower people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities; and

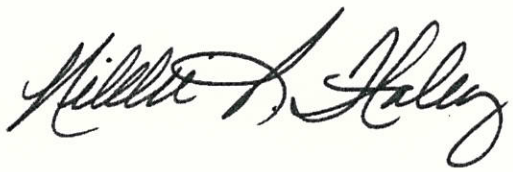
WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential supports that help individuals with disabilities stay connected to their families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive, and successful lives in the community or in specialized residential care and avoid more costly institutional care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11 - 17, 2016, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our direct support professionals for their dedication and contributions that enhance the lives of individuals of all ages with disabilities.



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