

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for individuals with disabilities in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals must build close, respectful and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including employment, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, transportation, and the pursuit of personal interest and relationships; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals provide essential support to help individuals with disabilities to develop and maintain connections with family, friends and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities in making choices leading to meaningful, productive lives in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professional participation in an individual's health care delivery contributes to the ability of individuals with severe, chronic health conditions to live successfully in the community and when necessary, successfully transition from acute health care settings into communities and avoid costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals are integral to supporting people to live successful lives in their communities and avoid costly institutional care; and
- WHEREAS,** direct support professionals help strengthen Vermont communities by facilitating inclusion for people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2017 as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION
WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of August, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs