

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential care and long-term services and support to thousands of North Dakotans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals build respectful and meaningful relationships with individuals with disabilities, and professionals ensure that they thrive through connections to their families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support to individuals with disabilities to help them live meaningful and productive lives, including assisting with personal care, medication management, transportation, accessing the community, securing gainful employment and the pursuit of personal interests; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,300 North Dakotans are employed as direct support professionals in home- and community-based settings; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals demonstrate remarkable dedication, compassion and professionalism by providing critical support to some of North Dakota's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the contributions of direct support professionals and the important role they play in supporting and enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026, **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK**
in the State of North Dakota.





Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE