NORTH DAKOTA

== PROCLAMATION ===

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2020

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential care to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their families and communities, and enable them to live meaningful and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of services to individuals with disabilities to help them live independently, including preparing meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing and transportation to school, work or other activities; and

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals demonstrated their dedication, professionalism and capacity to care by providing critical support to some of North Dakota's most vulnerable citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the dedication of direct support professionals and the important role they play in supporting the state's long-term care system 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, 2020, DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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