

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals build respectful and close relationships with individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals ensure that individuals with disabilities 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

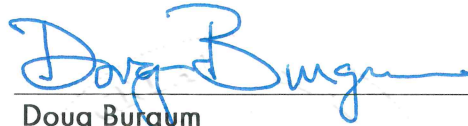
WHEREAS, more than 5,300 North Dakotans are employed as direct support professionals in home- and community-based settings; and

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

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the dedication 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 10-16, 2023, **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**
in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE