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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2018

**WHEREAS**, direct support workers, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for millions of individuals nationwide; 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 getting to school, work or other activities; and

**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**, more than 5,300 North Dakotans are employed as direct support professionals in home- and community-based settings; 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 in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2018, **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State