



DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2019

WHEREAS, direct support professionals partner with and support people with intellectual disabilities to lead productive lives as vital members of their families and communities by assisting with employment, community inclusion and daily living; and



WHEREAS, direct support professionals enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities by promoting self-determination and independence, as well as safeguarding their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the need for skilled, caring direct support professionals has and is anticipated to increase over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, today, is an opportunity to increase awareness and appreciation for the vital role direct support professionals play in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families throughout our great city:



NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 8 - 14, 2019, in Washington, DC as "DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK".

