



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

***DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK IN FLORIDA***

**WHEREAS, Floridians with unique abilities play an important role in our communities and enrich our lives, making it important that our state is committed to ensuring they have access to the best education and opportunities available; and**

**WHEREAS, direct support professionals are primary providers for millions of Floridians; and**

**WHEREAS, administering medication, developing social and behavioral skills, and day to day personal needs are just a few of the many responsibilities of a direct support professional; and**

**WHEREAS, direct support professionals ensure all Floridians with unique abilities have the opportunity to flourish in society, stay connected with their families, and achieve greater independence as they perform various tasks; and**

**WHEREAS, more than \$1.2 billion in funding has been secured in the 2020-2021 Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget to continue the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program and an additional \$42 million was provided for the Gardiner Scholarship Program to allow more students the opportunity to participate in the program; and**

**WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week in Florida is an important opportunity to recognize those who dedicate their lives to providing support and services to our loved ones and improving their communities, including their efforts during the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 13-19, 2020, as *Direct Support Professionals Week in Florida*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year two thousand twenty.**

  
Governor