



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is proud of the contributions men and women with unique abilities make to enhance our communities, and our state is committed to ensuring they have access to the best education and opportunities available; and

WHEREAS, Florida's direct support professionals play an important role in ensuring Floridians with unique abilities thrive by providing long-term support and services; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with unique abilities flourish in society, stay connected with their families, and achieve greater independence as they perform various tasks; and

WHEREAS, more than \$1.1 billion in funding has been secured in the 2019-2020 Bold Vision for a Brighter Future budget to continue the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program and an additional \$19.6 million to clear the certified waitlist for the Gardiner Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week in Florida is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the professionals who help individuals with unique abilities reach their full potential and lead healthy lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 8-14, 2019, 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 8th day of September, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor