



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for millions of Floridians; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual they are serving; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities with developing social and behavioral skills, administering medication, and day to day personal needs; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support to ensure Floridians with disabilities have the opportunity to flourish, provide essential support to help keep them connected to their family and community, and enable them to live meaningful, productive lives; 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 public health emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 12-18, 2021, 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 12th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor