



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are critical to long-term services and support for thousands of individuals in Alabama with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health and providers celebrate Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, Direct support professionals are essential to the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are vital to ensuring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are included as valued members of the community and are empowered to live with the dignity which all people deserve; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are pivotal in empowering individuals with disabilities to thrive by fostering connections between people and their families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals cultivate close, respectful and trusting relationships with the people they serve, allowing them to provide a wide range of individualized support, while also ensuring the health and safety of all people with intellectual/developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of direct support professionals as both the providers of critical services as well as the providers of their families, I and the Alabama Legislature approved a rate increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 10 through September 16, 2023, as

Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 11th day of September 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor