



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the backbone of Alabama's system of support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing daily care, skill-building and empowerment to help individuals live independently and participate fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to join the nation in observing Direct Support Professionals Week to honor the thousands of frontline workers in our state and to raise awareness of the vital contributions they make everyday; and

WHEREAS, DSPs serve with dedication and compassion, supporting individuals with disabilities to achieve self-determined lives through assistance with daily activities, communication, employment, health care, community engagement and independent living; and

WHEREAS, the essential work of DSPs often goes unnoticed, yet they are critical to the quality of life and overall wellbeing of thousands of Alabamians and their families; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the increasing demand for DSPs and the urgent need for continued investment in this workforce to ensure consistent, high-quality care and support; and

WHEREAS, this month serves as a special time to celebrate, uplift and thank DSPs across Alabama for their unwavering service and devotion to those they support:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 7 through 13, 2025, as

Direct Support Professionals Week

in the state of Alabama and I encourage all citizens to recognize and express their appreciation to the direct support professionals whose dedication makes our communities stronger.



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 18th day of September 2025.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor