



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, 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 serve a vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and providers celebrate Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Recognition Week, which highlights the dedicated, innovative direct support workforce that is the heart and soul of support for people with disabilities. The week is a chance for schools, hospitals, healthcare providers and others to show their appreciation for contributions by DSPs to their communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide caregiving and support individuals with activities of daily living, including but not limited to mobility assistance, accessing food, medication and physical care; 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 and developmental disabilities; and

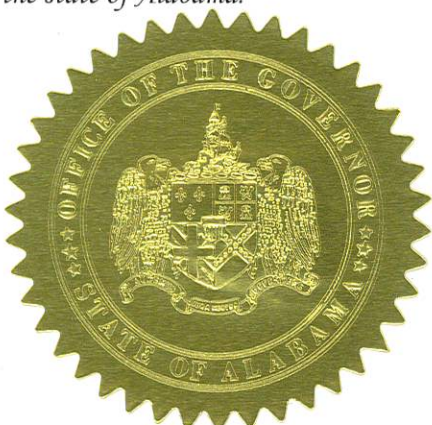
WHEREAS, direct support professionals are vital to ensuring individuals with disabilities are included as valued members of the community; where they may independently live, work, connect with their neighbors and are empowered to live with the dignity which all individuals deserve; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are pivotal to empowering individuals with disabilities to thrive by supported employment, transportation and fostering community connections:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 13 through 19, 2026, 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 10th day of September 2026.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor