



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 at the heart of the field. They are essential to the physical, mental health, emotional health, and wellbeing of individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities who receive services for chronic health conditions and serve in a vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities; and

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are pivotal to 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 and while also ensuring the health and safety of all people with intellectual/developmental disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 8 through September 14, 2024, 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 19th day of September 2024.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor