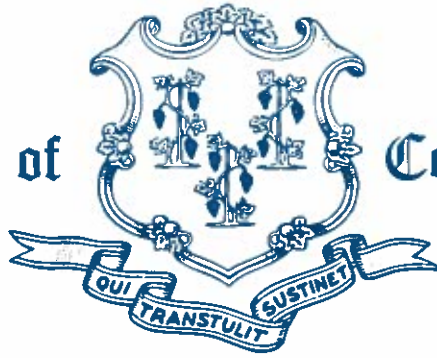


State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut has an exceptional community of providers including direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals, all of whom are dedicated to providing essential care and support to individuals with a wide range of disabilities; and

*W*HEREAS, direct support professionals must build close and trusted relationships with the individuals they help to support; and

*W*HEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities remain connected to their families and fully integrated in their communities; and

*W*HEREAS, direct support professionals provide critical assistance to individuals in home- and community-based settings so they are able to live meaningful and productive lives; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes the enormous contributions that direct support professionals make in assisting individuals with disabilities become independent contributors to their communities; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut citizens are encouraged to recognize the dedication of direct support professionals and the important role they play in supporting the state's long-term care system and in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




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