

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, and in-home support workers are primary providers of publicly-funded, long-term support and services for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they help support; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help those with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support enabling individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are important in supporting an individual with disabilities to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans recognize the contribution of direct support professionals that help strengthen our communities by fostering greater inclusion for persons with disabilities;

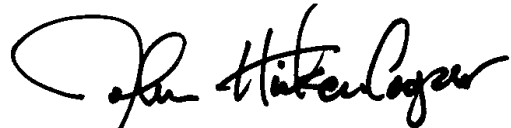
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between September 12, 2016 and September 16, 2016, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twelfth day of September, 2016


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor