



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including employment, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, transportation, and the pursuit of their “All” through personal interest and relationships; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop and maintain connections with family, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities in making choices leading to meaningful, productive lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professional participation in an individual’s health care delivery contributes to the ability of individuals with severe, chronic health conditions to live successfully in the community and when necessary, successfully transition from acute health care settings into communities and avoid costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are integral to supporting people to live successful lives with the ability to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals help strengthen Connecticut communities by facilitating inclusion and support for All people with disabilities; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of September 9th – 13th, 2024, to be

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS
RECOGNITION WEEK**



in the State of Connecticut.

GOVERNOR