

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, direct support professionals, direct care workers, assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are primary providers of publicly-funded long-term support and services for individuals; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities in order to assist an individual with disabilities with the most intimate needs, on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support, including preparation of meals, helping with medications, bathing, dressing, mobility, getting to school, work, religious and recreational activities, and other general daily support services; and

WHEREAS, a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to the family and community of the individual and are the key to allowing an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community, and to avoid more costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, federal and state policies, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), assert the right of an individual to live in the home and community of the individual; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings and this trend is projected to increase over the decade; and

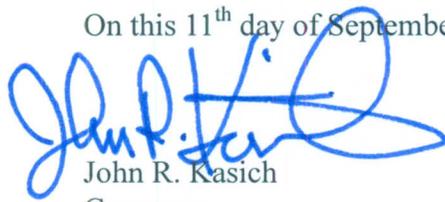
WHEREAS, there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate September 11-17, 2011 as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to recognize the work that direct support professionals do on behalf of disabled Ohioans on a daily basis.

On this 11th day of September, 2011;


John R. Kasich
Governor

