

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are vital to the life experiences of many people with disabilities in Maryland, from employment support to community living assistance, DSPs are often the difference between engagement and relationship development versus isolation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The work performed by DSPs is vital to ensuring people have full lives at home, at work, and in their communities. DSPs are the connectors, facilitators, and champions for the people they support. The DSP workforce is strong, resilient, and necessary; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We believe in a Maryland that recognizes the unlimited potential for all of our citizens, including those with disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Direct Support Professional Week is an opportunity to recognize the important work of those who ensure inclusive environments with equal access to all, which contributes to community life for those with disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We are committed to building a state that promotes equality of opportunity, access, and choice for Marylanders with disabilities. We are committed to the promise of a Maryland in which all people with disabilities have the knowledge and influence to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2023 as DIRECT SUPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK in Maryland, and encourage all citizens to participate and promote events throughout the year that celebrate the rights and abilities of those with disabilities

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 10th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-three



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State

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