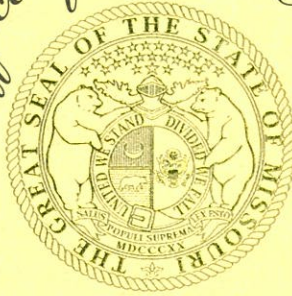


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Support Care Assistants serve Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing health care assistance, teaching new skills, implementing behavior supports, facilitating community inclusion, and advocating for needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, Support Care Assistants are essential to ensuring that Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities are safe, free from abuse and neglect, and maintain the best possible health; and

**WHEREAS**, Support Care Assistants are essential to ensuring that Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities live lives of dignity and respect, and to their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Support Care Assistants perform their duties each day with competency, compassion, and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, Support Care Assistants, by all accounts of their daily performance of these duties, are indeed Direct Support Professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Direct Support Professional Recognition Week honoring the 1.3 million Direct Support Professionals nationwide is celebrated annually the second week of September; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Mental Health is honoring all Direct Support Professionals statewide with special appreciation for the valued work they do in state operated programs including Bellefontaine Habilitation Center; Higginsville Habilitation Center; Northwest Community Services; Saint Louis Developmental Disabilities Treatment Centers, which includes Saint Charles Habilitation Center and South County Habilitation Center; Southeast Missouri Residential Services, which includes SEMORS Poplar Bluff and SEMORS Sikeston, and Southwest Community Services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2020, to be

### **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK**

in appreciation for the tremendous dedication and services provided by Missouri's Direct Support Professionals to the State of Missouri's most vulnerable citizens.

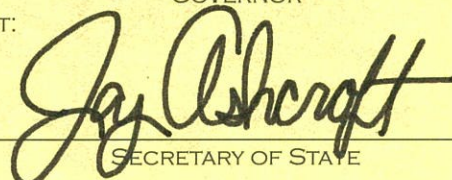
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.





*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE