

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including employment, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, transportation, and the pursuit of personal interests and relationships; and

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

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are integral to supporting people to live successful lives in their communities and avoid costly institutional care; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals benefit all Vermonters by facilitating the inclusion of people with disabilities in the heart of their Vermont communities.

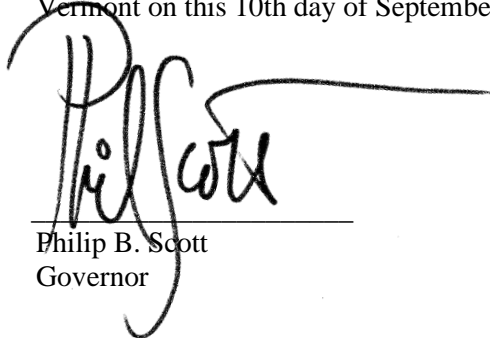
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 12-18, 2021 as

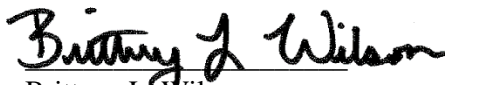
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of September, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs