
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MILLARD, BURNS, READSHAW AND CALTAGIRONE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 16 through 22, 2018, as
2 "Direct Support Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
4 coordinators are people who help individuals with intellectual
5 disabilities to work, socialize and live as independently as
6 possible in their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Over 3.6 million direct support professionals and
8 support coordinators work in a number of different settings
9 across the United States and empower individuals with
10 intellectual disabilities to lead a life of their choosing; and

11 WHEREAS, There is a documented critical and growing shortage
12 of direct aid professionals and help coordinators in communities
13 throughout the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
15 coordinators support thousands of individuals across this
16 Commonwealth and inspire us with their ability to work with

1 individuals with intellectual disabilities and support them in a
2 broad range of activities, such as preparing meals and
3 medications, tending to personal care needs, transportation to
4 school and work, securing meaningful employment and engaging in
5 social activities throughout their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, "Direct Support Professionals Week" is part of the
7 American Network of Community Options and Resources' National
8 Advocacy Campaign and is celebrated annually across the United
9 States with special events to honor the many workers who enable
10 individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families to
11 live healthy lives full of opportunity and freedom in their
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
14 coordinators are deserving of special recognition for their
15 dedication and vital contribution to communities across this
16 Commonwealth and the United States; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 week of September 16 through 22, 2018, as "Direct Support
19 Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.