

# STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

## PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS,

in Indiana, more than 32,000 women and men work as Direct Support Professionals, providing exemplary and critical support and services to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS,

these professionals provide essential, individualized services that empower individuals with disabilities to live meaningful and fulfilling lives by assisting with daily activities such as personal care, transportation, navigating employment opportunities, and attending medical appointments; and

WHEREAS,

Direct Support Professionals must build close, respectful and trusted relationships with the people they support, requiring compassion, empathy and the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS,

the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings, efforts must be made to grow the direct support professionals workforce, increase retention, and reduce turnover; and

WHEREAS,

every day, Indiana's Direct Support Professionals make a tremendous difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthening our communities and supporting Hoosiers with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 13-19th, 2026, as

### Direct Support Professionals Week

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 3rd  
day of September the year of our  
Lord 2026 and of the Independence  
of the United States 250.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Mike Braun*