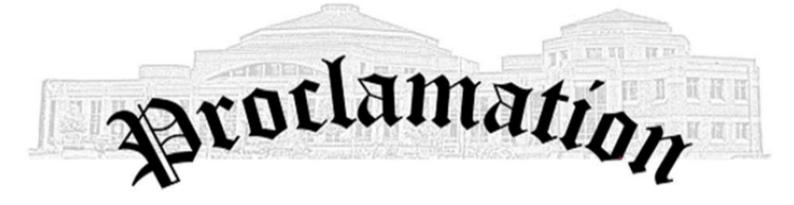
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WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are the primary providers of publicly-

funded, long-term support services for millions of individuals with

disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals must build close, respectful, and

trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities because they

assist them with their most intimate needs; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals provide essential support that helps

individuals with disabilities stay connected to family, friends and the community, while defining and living their best lives; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals support individuals with disabilities as

they spend their days working, recreating, socializing in the community and other activities to enrich their lives; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professional is one of the fastest growing positions in

America in terms of demand, and yet low wages and demographic

trends are creating a growing shortage of Direct Support Professionals, leading to burnout and increased turnover; and

WHEREAS, Public officials have a key role to play in building awareness

around, advocating for, and addressing the issues facing this

publically funded workforce.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of

Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September

11~17, 2022, as

Direct Support Professionals Week

in Rochester, Minnesota, and urge my fellow citizens to honor and support the important work of Direct Support Professionals in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 13th day of September, 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor City of Rochester, Minnesota