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## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of September 25 through October 1, 2016, as "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 have real choices, to work, live and socialize
- 6 in their communities, to realize their dreams, to transform
- 7 their lives and to be included in the everyday lives of their
- 8 communities; and
- 9 WHEREAS, They are staff who work directly with consumers in
- 10 residential, day and employment services and support programs;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
- 13 coordinators support thousands of individuals across this
- 14 Commonwealth and inspire us with their ability to work with
- 15 individuals with intellectual disabilities and assist them with
- 16 securing meaningful jobs, finding appropriate housing
- 17 arrangements, learning to navigate public transportation systems
- 18 and engaging in social activities throughout their communities;

- 1 and
- 2 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
- 3 coordinators are deserving of special recognition; therefore be
- 4 it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 6 week of September 25 through October 1, 2016, as "Direct Support
- 7 Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.