

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 25 through October 1, 2016, 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 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

1 and engaging in social activities throughout their communities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals and support
4 coordinators are deserving of special recognition; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
7 week of September 25 through October 1, 2016, as "Direct Support
8 Professionals Week" in Pennsylvania.