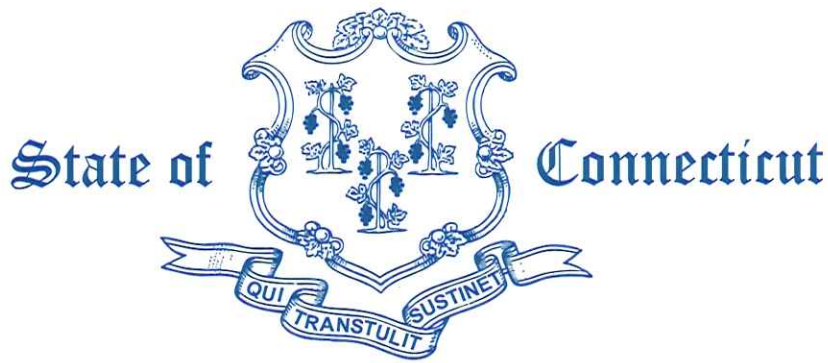




By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut has an exceptional community of providers including direct support professionals, job coaches, personal assistants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals, all of whom provide essential care and support to individuals with a wide range of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential services that ensure that all individuals with disabilities are included as a valued part of the communities in which they live, are supported at home, at work, and in the communities of Connecticut; and empowered to live with the dignity that all people of Connecticut deserve; and

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WHEREAS, there is a documented, critical and increasing shortage of direct support professionals throughout the United States, including in Connecticut, bringing uncertainty and risk to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes the enormous contributions that direct service professionals make in assisting and empowering individuals with disabilities and the important role they play in supporting the state's long-term care system and in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim September 7-13, 2025, as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS' RECOGNITION
WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR