

**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION
CITY OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA**

- WHEREAS,** *direct support professional 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 a broad range of individualized supports, including meal preparation, medication assistance, bathing, dressing, mobility, and other daily tasks; and*
- WHEREAS,** *direct support professional provide essential support that helps individuals with disabilities stay connected to family, friends, and the community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *direct support professionals help individuals with disabilities live meaningful, productive lives, and make it possible for them to live successfully in their communities and avoid costly institutional care; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home-and community-based settings, and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade; and*
- WHEREAS,** *there is a documented, critical, and growing shortage of direct support professionals throughout Minnesota and the United States.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Del Rae Williams, Mayor of the City of Moorhead, do hereby proclaim September 13 – 19, 2015:*

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the City of Moorhead and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of service to others in our city, thank those who serve, and find ways to give back to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Moorhead, State of Minnesota, to be affixed this 14th day of September, 2015.*





*Del Rae Williams, Mayor
City of Moorhead, State of Minnesota*