



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-68

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS' WEEK

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are integral to the physical and mental health and well-being of individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals provide essential support to help keep individuals with disabilities connected to their family, friends, and community and enable them to live meaningful lives in a community of their choice; and

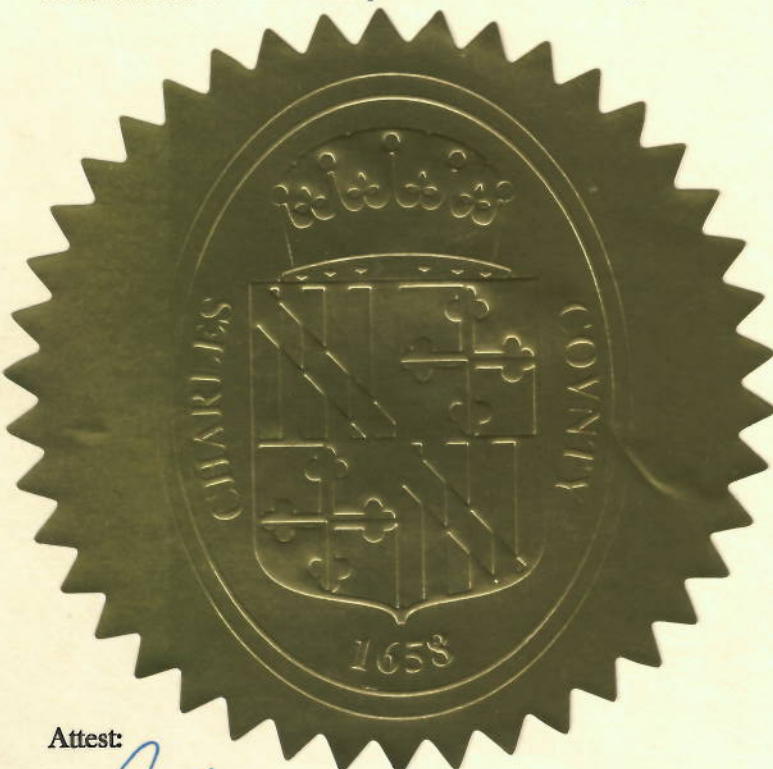
WHEREAS, a direct support professional assists an individual with disabilities with the most intimate needs on a daily basis, and provides a broad range of support, from preparing meals and medications to personal care to transporting clients to school, work, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, direct support professionals are devoted to providing support services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities by giving them the opportunity to explore and maximize independence in their community; and

WHEREAS, there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Direct Support Professionals' Week is "Rock Your Roll", the Charles County Commissioners appreciate how you "Rock Your Roll" with the service and commitment you provide to our Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2024 as **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS' WEEK** in Charles County and encourage all residents to express sincerest gratitude and unfailing support for these professionals and to recognize and appreciate the dedication and contributions of these providers to enhancing the lives of the people they support.



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