

## City of Conway, Arkansas Proclamation by: Mayor Bart Castleberry Direct Support Professional Recognition Week September 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Whereas, direct support professionals, and in-home support workers are the primary providers of long term supports and services for individuals with disabilities in Conway; and

Whereas, direct support professionals must build close, respectful and trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support, including employment, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, transportation, and the pursuit of personal interests and relationships; and

Whereas, direct support professionals provide essential support to help individuals with disabilities to develop and maintain connections to family, friends and communities; and

Whereas, direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities in making choices that lead to meaningful, productive lives in the community; and

Whereas, we believe in Conway which recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and

Whereas, direct support professional participation in an individual's health care delivery contributes to the ability of individuals with severe, chronic health conditions to live successfully in the community; and

**Whereas,** direct support professionals help strengthen the community of Conway by facilitating inclusion for people with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bart Castleberry, Mayor of the City of Conway Arkansas, by virtue vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as:

## "DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK"

And hereby urge all citizens across the City of Conway, Arkansas to join me in recognizing the vital role that dedicated support professionals play in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities. We recognize the dedication & contribution of direct support professionals in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

**Mayor Bart Castleberry**