



**PROCLAMATION HONORING
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021**

WHEREAS, one in ten Minnesotans live with a disability; and

WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the primary providers of community-based long-term support services for those tens of thousands of individuals with disabilities in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, DSPs provide essential support to individuals with disabilities to stay connected to family, friends, coworkers, and the community, helping them to define and live a quality life; and

WHEREAS, DSPs provide a broad range of individualized supports, including meal preparation, medication assistance, personal care and life skills training, mobility, work and life enrichment opportunities, and other daily tasks; and

WHEREAS, DSPs support informed choices and person-centered practices that honor and respect the individuals with disabilities they serve; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 outbreak, DSPs have played an instrumental role in ensuring safety and maintaining dedicated support and care for those they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor David J. Napier, and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim the week of September 12 to 18, 2021 as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL
RECOGNITION WEEK**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of West St Paul, Minnesota, to be affixed on this 23rd day of August 2021.

David J. Napier, Mayor