

Whereas, the week of September 11 through 17, 2022, is designated as National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week in order to celebrate and recognize professionals who provide support to millions of Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, this celebration recognizes the vital role of direct support professionals in enhancing the lives and protecting the well-being of individuals with disabilities of all backgrounds; and

Whereas, communities across the United States, including Lincoln, have a role in showcasing the amazing and often unsung work of these professionals who are integral in supporting the needs of people with disabilities and their families; and

Whereas, the spirit behind this recognition already exists in our community, embodied by efforts to help people with disabilities gain full access to housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

Whereas, direct support professionals in our community are helping residents to build productive and satisfying lives, and to live as independently as possible,

Now, therefore, I, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11 through 17, 2022, as

National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

to recognize a workforce that is the heart and soul of support for people with disabilities.



Person Faylor Baird Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird