

CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
Declaring the Week of September 10-16, 2023
Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, DSPs are valued for their work in building close, respectful, and trusted relationships with individuals to assist them with their most intimate needs; and

WHEREAS, DSPs who work in Vadnais Heights provide essential support to individuals with disabilities to stay connected to family, friends, coworkers and our 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, an adequate workforce of high-quality DSPs is necessary for the people of Vadnais Heights to meet obligations to people with disabilities and minimize more costly settings such as hospitals or institutions; and

WHEREAS, DSPs are one of the fastest growing positions in America and demand for their skills is great, yet low wages and demographic trends are creating a growing shortage of DSPs, leading to increased turnover.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Krachmer, Mayor of the City of Vadnais Heights, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2023 as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

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By: _____

Mike Krachmer, Mayor

Attested:

Kevin Watson, City Administrator